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Vander Zalm found guilty

Ex-premier must pay hefty compensation after jury determines he defamed former judge

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▶ Former premier Bill Vander Zalm outside the Vancouver Convention Centre in August 2010.

Former premier Bill Vander Zalm has been found guilty of defamation and has been ordered to pay $60,000 in compensation.

A B.C. Supreme Court civil jury sided with former conflict-of-interest commissioner Ted Hughes, who launched the civil action after reading Vander Zalm's 2008 book.

The book claimed Hughes was biased and politically partisan while leading the inquiry that forced Vander Zalm from office.

Hughes concluded in his 1991 probe that the premier mixed his public and private affairs in the sale of his Fantasy Gardens theme park.

The preface of Vander Zalm's book, published 17 years later, suggests Hughes wore a mask of integrity and spread lies and the book promises to reveal Vander Zalm's version of events.

Hughes says he's very satisfied with the decision and after 60 years in the justice system, it's been quite an experience to see it working from the other side.

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Abbotsford gears up for lingerie football

It's a game of inches and ginches, where gridiron warriors sport pigtails and panties.

The outlandish Lingerie Football League (LFL) has announced Abbotsford as its second Canadian franchise in the league's pursuit of ratings and legitimacy outside the U.S.

"We're very excited about it," said LFL Canada chairman Mitchell Mortaza. "We expect B.C. to be very big for us."

Mortaza must put together a six-team Canadian spinoff of the league, which features women in skimpy two-piece outfits battling it out for football supremacy.

Toronto was the first adopter. Its team — the Toronto Triumph — played in the U.S. league in 2011.

Mortaza admits the premise seems gimmicky, but stands firmly behind the product on the field. "We actually play football. These are real athletes. If this was primarily sold on sex, it would have died out a long time ago."

The women in LFL still wear helmets, leg protection and shoulder pads during games. MATT KIELTYKA

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▶ Action from the 2011 Lingerie Football League.

Flicks without liquor at theatre

New regulations allow theatre to screen films despite liquor licence
Liquor ban to be reviewed: Minister

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Start up those projectors.

The Rio Theatre has received reassurances from the government that it will finally be able to operate as both a live venue and movie theatre.

Minister Rich Coleman announced Thursday that liquor licences will be streamlined and reworded to give licensed live venues — such as the Rio — the ability to screen films outside of liquor-service hours.

The theatre will also have the flexibility to screen movies during licensed hours, as long as no alcohol is served and the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch is given advance notice.

Rio Theatre general manager Corrine Lea said the East Vancouver business has lost $40,000 and laid off five employees since being awarded a liquor licence in January.

Unbeknownst to Lea, the licence regulations prevented the theatre from screening films — even though she never planned on providing alcohol during movies.

Lea said she was grateful for the government amending its laws, but still worries how the new process will work, especially if the theatre is forced to set permanent liquor-licence hours in the fast-changing world of entertainment.

Coleman seemed to attempt to assuage those fears Thursday afternoon.

"(The amendments) are a stop-gap for this particular period in time, but you'll see more changes in the next few weeks," he said.

The minister also said the provincial government will revisit the broader issue of whether alcohol service should be permitted in movie theatres.

"That's been on the table for years," Coleman said.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO FILE

▶ General manager Corrine Lea stands in front of the Rio Theatre, which has been battling provincial liquor regulations preventing it from screening films.

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Mountie avoids demotion for affair with co-officer

A senior Mountie has been reprimanded and will lose 10 days pay for having a sexual relationship with a fellow officer, but the head of an RCMP disciplinary panel suggested he could have faced much worse.

In his ruling, Supt. John Reid says that, for unknown reasons, Staff Sgt. Travis Pearson did not face disciplinary action — such as a demotion to rank of corporal — for abuse of authority, sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual discrimination and lying to a superior officer. Reid repeatedly said he didn't have the more serious allegations in front of him.

Last year, the three-person RCMP disciplinary panel heard Pearson engaged in an affair with Const. Susan Gastaldo.

Both officers were found guilty of the offences.

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News in brief

Police bust crime spree

STING. Police brought a crime spree to a halt in a single swoop Tuesday. Burnaby RCMP, the Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team, Vancouver police-dog squad and RCMP helicopter were all involved in a sting that saw the arrest of 10 suspect car thieves in three stolen vehicles in Burnaby. MATT KIELTYKA

Skate race is on

QUEBEC CITY. Ice skaters must qualify for the Red Bull Crashed Ice World Championships at Coquitlam's Planet Ice on Friday before racing down the streets. Registration is

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In PMMA kits, a reagent is applied to the drug powder. The kit user then observes the resulting colours to determine the chemicals present.

PMMA testing kits on the way

Five deaths in B.C. have been linked to toxic ecstasy compound

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METRO CANADA IN CALGARY

Final preparations are being made to distribute ecstasy-testing kits in Canada specifically designed to detect the toxic compound PMMA, but police don't support the move.

The Seattle-based harm-reduction group DanceSafe and Toronto's Trip! Project expect to have commercially available PMMA-ecstasy testing kits ready in weeks.

"This is about helping people determine what is good ecstasy, that being MDMA," DanceSafe president Nathan Messer said.

Police say there is nothing to suggest the kits are illegal, but they stress that ingesting any ecstasy is dangerous.

"They offer a false sense of security," Calgary police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell said of the kits. "Are you willing to risk your life on the results of an unproven test?"

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Family of four killed in fiery collision

A newspaper employee and his family travelling to Vancouver to see an international tennis match were killed in a blazing crash with a semi-trailer, colleagues of the man say.

Colleen Sparrow of the Prince George Citizen said on the paper's website that the dead are Matt Altizer, 40, his wife, Leah, and their children, Jonathan and Emily.

The crash Thursday morning was on a stretch of Highway 97 north of McCleese Lake, between Quesnel and Williams Lake.

RCMP Corp. Madonna Saunderson said five occupants of the SUV died, though it was unclear who the fifth victim was.

"We do know that the SUV crossed the centre line and collided with the semi," she said. The rig driver was taken to a hospital, but was uninjured. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mountie fingered for alleged assault

A Nanaimo Mountie faces an assault charge after he allegedly used too much force while fingerprinting a 47-year-old woman.

"Police officers are not above the law," said Supt. Norm McPhail of the Nanaimo detachment.

An RCMP press release says the alleged incident occurred on Aug. 17 in the cellblock of the Nanaimo detachment. The woman being fingerprinted was not injured and did not require medical treatment.

McPhail said he was informed of the alleged incident in early September, after it was reported by another officer. He immediately ordered an internal and Criminal Code investigation.

Const. Derek Brown, a four-year member of the force, was charged Monday and is slated to appear in provincial court on March 6. He has been placed on administrative duties. JEFF HODSON

News in brief

U.S. dad tracks down B.C. predator

INTERNET DANGER. An alert father in New Orleans has helped put a Facebook predator behind bars in B.C.

Victoria police say the man discovered his 16-year-old daughter had gotten unsolicited messages from a 47-year-old man.

The father did an Internet search of the man's name and ended up at the Victoria police website, where he found a public warning issued about the man in 2010.

Victoria police say the man, who has a criminal record for assault, luring and other crimes, was considered a risk to women and was out on parole.

Police contacted parole officers, and the man was arrested and had his parole suspended Wednesday.
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on Kelowna

The knives are coming out in Kelowna — along with the aprons, mixing bowls and anything else linked to haute cuisine.

That's because the Canadian Culinary Championships began Thursday night at several locations around the city.

Events include a mystery pairing tomorrow night, a black box competition on Saturday and the grand finale — where Canada's top chef will be crowned — on Saturday night.

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Invermere set to cull deer

Invermere is following the lead of Cranbrook and Kimberley as it prepares to cull a herd of habituated deer grazing around the southeastern B.C. community.

The cull of as many as 100 Invermere deer will begin very soon.

Mayor Gerry Taft says his district will use the same type of clover trap and bolt gun used by Cranbrook and Kimberley to kill an estimated 125 deer.

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Mounties seize marijuana oil

Kelowna Mounties have seized 163 pot plants — along with nearly 20 litres of partially processed marijuana oil and another three litres of oil that was ready for sale — in one of the latest drug raids in that Okanagan city.

The street value of the oil is estimated to be almost $300,000. A man and a woman were charged.

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Another seed in the wall

Vertical food walls will be harvested by youth, with food donated to the community The project still needs to raise $20,000 in donations

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An international foundation is planting its feet in Vancouver with plans to construct a six-foot-tall gardening wall.

The My Arms Wide Open Foundation, in collaboration with the Ray-Cam Community Centre, has proposed the idea of creating a pair of sister vertical food walls — half a world apart — to educate youth about collaboration.

The plan calls for one wall to be built in the town of Cradock in South Africa while its sister would be constructed in the Downtown Eastside.

The 40-foot-by-six-foot garden wall, consisting of more than 1,900 plants, would be harvested by local youth and yield twice as many vegetables and fruits as a normal plot of land.

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▶ A vertical food wall proposed for the Downtown Eastside will be similar to the one seen here. The Ray-Cam Community Centre is one of the proposed spaces.

The majority of food will be donated to Ray-Cam's food bank.

The project's price tag is estimated at $25,000 — $20,000 to construct the wall and another $5,000 to develop a curriculum for youth.

Warren Te Brugge, project creator, hopes the wall will be constructed by fall 2012 and continue to be maintained for the next decade. The project, however, is still $20,000 shy of its goal.

Te Brugge believes it is well worth the money.

"We want to enable communities," he said. "(Kids) really have a vision for what the Downtown Eastside can be, and I think it's pretty darn amazing — in kids as young as 14 (you can see it), but other people can't. I really believe that they will change their community."

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More could have been to collar Pickton: Officer

Lawyer questions ex-officer at missing women inquiry
Both agree there could have been more surveillance

SCREEN GRAB/METRO

▶ Mike Connor

The RCMP could have tried several tactics to advance a case aimed at pinning murders of Vancouver sex workers on Robert Pickton years before he was arrested, the Mountie who was the first to probe the pig farmer's gruesome crimes has acknowledged.

A lawyer representing the Vancouver police named off a list of those potential actions as he questioned now-retired Staff Sgt. Mike Connor, who concluded four days of testimony Thursday at the missing women inquiry.

"I want to suggest to you some steps that could have been taken in the investigation in August 1999, but were not taken," said lawyer Tim Dickson, after describing the body of evidence Connor had amassed up until that point.

Dickson said Mounties at the Coquitlam detachment could have conducted an undercover operation on Lynn Ellingsen, a sex worker who had apparently seen Pickton butchering a woman in his Port Coquitlam farm.

Connor agreed, noting just such a plan had been in the works but was not carried out before he was promoted and transferred off the case.

Another undercover operation could have been implemented with the help of Bill Hiscox, who had told police that Pickton was storing bags of women's bloody clothing, purses and identification as "trophies."

The informant, who sourced his tips to a friend of Pickton, said the farmer even bragged about disposing bodies. Dickson said officers could have asked Hiscox to help open up Lisa Yelds, who hated police, to get it on record first-hand. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Change. Exchange

▶ A girl exchanges some change for a new 25-cent orca coin at the Vancouver Aquarium Thursday.

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

A whale of a coin collection

The Royal Canadian Mint distributed 12.5 million quarters on Thursday. The orca coin is part of the 2011 commemorative circulation-coin program that includes five nature-themed coins: The loonie featuring the centennial of Parks Canada, a toonie featuring the boreal forest, and quarters with wood bison. The final coin, a quarter featuring the peregrine falcon, will be released in March.

Public knows justice system in crisis: Crown

The president of the B.C. Crown Counsel Association says the province doesn't need to pay for a report to determine there's a crisis in the provincial justice system. Samiran Lakshman says British Columbians already know that fact.

Lakshman made the comments Thursday after Premier Christy Clark announced a wholesale review of the provincial justice system, which a top judge has already warned is in peril because of lack of funding. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yaletown set to glow

Third annual light festival partners with City and Slope to fire things up for winter Features new creative collaborations with high-tech equipment

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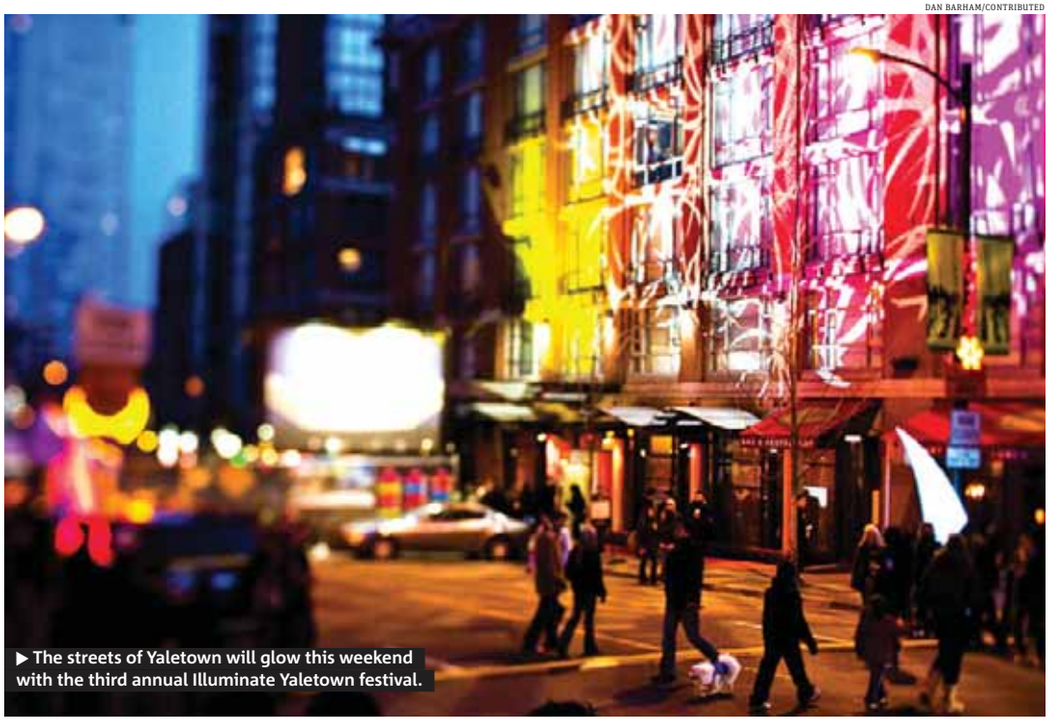

▶ The streets of Yaletown will glow this weekend with the third annual Illuminate Yaletown festival.

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A six-storey Twitter wall is among the many multimedia exhibits that will light-up Yaletown this weekend.

Interactive light-art exhibits from designers and artists will set the streets ablaze in the third annual Illuminate Yaletown festival this Friday and Saturday. The festival is being run in conjunction with this year's City and Slope festival.

"The purpose is to have a free winter party for everyone because Vancouver's winter is too darn long," said organizer Annette O'Shea. "Illuminate is about the brave soul who doesn't fear the cold and likes to have fun."

Many exhibits have "never been done before" and include a fashion tribute to Alexander McQueen where clothes will be projected onto mannequins and also includes a bicycle that makes videos by pedalling.

Attractions

- Vancouver's first annual winter festival in Vancouver runs through Sunday, featuring live DJ performances and attractions in downtown core and the mountains.
- Each slope (Grouse, Seymour, and Cypress) has a unique theme.
- Grouse Mountain will be open 24 hours on Saturday.
- Discounted bundle passes available for access to all three slopes.
- Visit cityandslope.com for more details.

BC Place will also light up with 3-D projections.

O'Shea, executive director of Yaletown Business Improvement Association, said while most people are thrilled after attending the event, artists are also amazed with the extent of how their creativity can be expanded.

"Artists come to our show and we can give them the equipment to play that they don't usually get to play with," she said.

"There are 23 design teams this year, and artists may collaborate with people they have never worked with before."

Six tonnes of ice will be brought in for the ice-carving competition at Bill Curtis Square. Photographers are urged to enter their photos into a contest to win prizes.

Exhibits will light up when it gets dark, beginning at Yaletown-Roundhouse Canada Line station and along Mainland Street and Hamilton Street.

B.C. appoints fact-finder in teacher talks

The B.C. government has appointed a fact-finder to find out whether a negotiated settlement can be reached between the teachers' union and the province's bargaining agent.

Assistant deputy labour minister Trevor Hughes will meet with Teachers Federations and the Public School Employers' Association over the next two weeks and provide a report to Labour Minister Margaret MacDiarmid by Feb. 23.

MacDiarmid is encouraging the union and the employers to reach a resolution to the dispute that has dragged on since last September.

Education Minister George Abbott has not ruled out a legislated end to the stalemate.

Teachers are asking for a 15 per cent wage increase but Abbott has said that won't happen because of the government's net-zero wage policy.

As part of their limited strike action, teachers have not written report cards all year and are refusing to do administrative duties.

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$10.8M seized in criminal assets

B.C. is raking in record profits from the assets of criminals and the beneficiaries are victims of crime and provincial crime prevention programs.

The government says it collected $10.8 million in criminal assets over the last year, more than double the previous year, including a drug-trafficking helicopter, houses, cars and cash.

Justice Minister Shirley Bond said $5.5 million from the latest civil forfeitures is going to crime-prevention programs, including those that help keep kids out of gangs and stop violence against women and children.

Among the forfeited money was $340,000 taken from a self-proclaimed "holistic healer" and paid out to five victims of medical fraud, including a woman who was nearly killed by arsenic poisoning and left a quadriplegic.

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Pilot in deadly crash briefly lost control: TSB

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▶ Two pilots were killed in this crash last October.

A brief loss of control is the suspected cause of a deadly plane crash last October just outside Vancouver International Airport.

The Transportation Safety Board says the pilot aboard the ill-fated passenger plane lost control less than 100 metres off the ground and by the time he righted the plane, it was too late.

Both pilots died and several of the seven passengers were hurt when the twin-engine plane slammed into a roadway near the airport and burst into flames.

The safety board's Bill Yearwood says the plane was returning to the airport because of an oil leak, but investigators don't believe there was anything mechanically wrong with the Beechcraft King Air 100 plane.

Yearwood says one man had paid attention to the passenger briefing about escaping a plane and, after several attempts, was able to opened a jammed door.

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Weather hampers fire probe

Investigators say cold weather is hampering efforts to determine the cause of a fire that levelled a building in the North Okanagan village of Lumby.

Inspector Dean Wakefield says ice is covering much of the debris that was left following the Monday-night blaze, and that's slowing down the investigation. He says investigators don't even know if the blaze that destroyed the laundromat, gift shop and two suites was suspicious, and they can't rule out foul play. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criminal checks for trustees?

Officials in the Kamloops-Thompson School District are examining if they can request criminal checks for individuals who want to become school trustees.

Trustee Joan Cowden raised the issue during a recent meeting and says everyone in public education — except trustees — is required to undergo a criminal record check. She says trustees are with children frequently, and district officials are always concerned about student safety. KAMLOOPS DAILY NEWS/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian trio rescued at sea

- Family members' sailboat left adrift in Pacific Ocean
- Stranded boat capsized by arriving rescue ship

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▶ West James

Three Canadians attempting their first voyage across the Pacific in a sailboat were left adrift in rough seas hundreds of miles from land when their mast broke in high winds.

Just when they thought they were being rescued seven hours later, the swell from the arriving cargo ship capsized the smaller vessel, tossing the trio into the cold water.

As the sailboat was destroyed, nine-year-old West James prepared for the worst. "We're gonna sink. We're gonna die," the boy said, according to his father, Bradley James.

Bradley James, 32, said he tried to keep his son calm as they were in the Pacific for about two hours.

The father and son, along with Bradley's younger brother Mitchell, hit a series of storms while sailing from Mexico to Hawaii and on Tuesday high winds snapped their mast and choppy water overheated their engine about 300 miles from their destination. The trio tried to work up a makeshift sail but it blew away.

They contacted the Coast Guard and officials directed a massive cargo ship to the stranded 12-metre vessel.

Things might have seemed to be improving, but instead the nearly 275-metre containership flipped the trio into the ocean early Wednesday.

"If one bad thing goes wrong, it just seems like it gets worse and worse and worse and that's what happened," Mitchell James told Hawaii News Now.

All three eventually arrived in Honolulu safe and sound aboard the cargo ship early Thursday.

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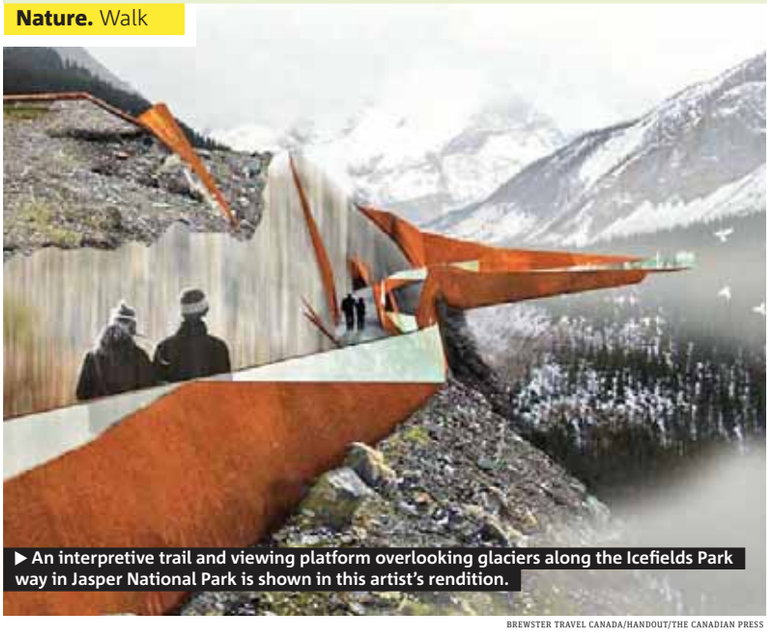

▶ An interpretive trail and viewing platform overlooking glaciers along the Icefields Parkway in Jasper National Park is shown in this artist's rendition.

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Feds OK national park walkway

Environment Minister Peter Kent is giving a green light to a controversial glacier-walk project in Alberta's Jasper National Park, despite opposition from Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, which has said the walkway may affect the ability of animals such as mountain goats to move between different ranges.

Father of man charged in RCMP case speaks

The father of a man charged with attempted murder in the shooting of two Alberta Mounties has made an emotional plea for his fugitive son to come home.

Ray Robison spoke directly to his son at a news conference outside the RCMP detachment in Killam on Thursday.

"Sawyer, we love you," he read haltingly from a piece of paper, his wife and a friend at his side. "You know that."

"We want to have you back and we know how hard it may be for you to come back to us."

"Swallow your hurt and listen to the quiet world."
RAY ROBISON, FATHER OF THE MAN CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING OF TWO MOUNTIES

Robison said the 27-year-old man has the support of family and friends.

Sawyer Clarke Robison has been on the run since Tuesday, when the Mounties were shot on the family farm, about 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton.

RCMP have said they consider him a high risk because he may be armed with long-barrelled weapons. He's now the subject of a Canada-wide warrant.

Spokesman Sgt. Patrick Webb said police are casting a wide net for information to resolve things without further violence.

Webb also confirmed that investigators believe it was Robison's uncle, Brad Clarke, who was found dead at the scene. An autopsy will have to be conducted before police can release the cause of death.

Constables Sheldon Shah and Sidney Gaudette underwent surgery in an Edmonton hospital and are expected to recover.

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▶ A RCMP officer is transported in an ambulance at the Killam Hospital as two STARS air ambulance helicopters wait in Killam, Alta., on Tuesday.

The chamber of seating squabbles

In Ottawa yesterday, the Senate witnessed a showdown over seating.

The newly elected chair of the Senate banking committee, a Conservative, didn't want the vice-chair, a Liberal, sitting next to him.

But when Tory Irving Gerstein asked Celine Hervieux-Payette to step away from the head table, she refused.

So Gerstein tabled a new motion, which passed the Tory-dominated chamber, forcing Payette to find a new seat farther away.

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PUBLIC BACKLASH

Feds slammed over torture policy

Pressure is mounting on the federal government to scrap its policy on torture-tainted information.

Amnesty International Canada and the official Opposition are calling on the Conservatives to impose a total ban on material gleaned from torture.

Controversy is raging over revelations the government directed Canada's spy agency to use information that may have been extracted through torture in cases where public safety is at risk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

More 'mall cops' to hit Canadian streets

They may have a clownish "mall cop" reputation but private security guards outnumber police at least two-to-one in this country and the ratio is only going to increase under a proposed broadening of the citizen's-arrest law, MPs were told Thursday.

The Conservative legislation expands and simplifies the concept of reasonable force for protecting oneself and one's property, and gives private citizens — including their paid security — more latitude to grab a suspect after witnessing a crime.

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Canada and China set table for trade

Harper hints Canada ready to take economic relationship to next level

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A new poll suggests Canadians want China's help driving the economy, but don't want China in the driver's seat.

- **Money.** In the Canadian Press-Harris Decima survey, 51 per cent of Canadians polled welcomed Chinese investment.
- **Ownership.** But 49 per cent of those polled feel Chinese companies taking over an existing foreign-owned company operating in Canada is bad or very bad.

A raft of agreements between Canada and China may see the two countries ready to set sail on free-trade talks.

But even as Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao appeared ready to jump on that ship, Trade Minister Ed Fast was already backpedalling away from the possibility that Canada is ready for a trade deal that could revolutionize the economy.

The spectre of a free-trade deal was raised as the two countries released a joint statement committing to complete an joint economic study by May.

That paves the way, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said, to move the economic relationship to the next level.

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▶ Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen look at a model home while touring the China-Canada Green Building Design Center in Langfang, China, Thursday.

Animals

CANADA'S PANDA-MONIUM

The Calgary Zoo says it's getting excited to roll out the welcome mat for two Chinese pandas.

Zoo spokeswoman Laurie Skene says China has agreed to lend Canada two pandas for 10 years.

The animals will divide their time equally between the Toronto and Calgary zoos, though it's not known which city they'll visit first or what age the pandas will be.

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Brazil takes steps toward censorship of tweets

An attempt to block Twitter users from alerting drivers to police roadblocks, radar traps and drunk-driving checkpoints could make Brazil the first country to take Twitter up on its plans to censor content at governments' requests.

About two weeks ago, Twitter unveiled plans to allow country-specific censorship of tweets that might break local laws.

An official at the federal prosecutor's office in Goias state Thursday said that as far as he knows no other country has yet tried to get Twitter to block tweets. He declined to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Carlos Eduardo Rodrigues Alves, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office, said the injunction request was filed Monday. He said a judge was expected to announce in the next few days whether he will issue the order against Twitter users.

The attorney general's office said in a statement that tweeted alerts about police operations jeopardize efforts to reduce traffic accidents and curb auto thefts and the transportation of drugs and weapons.

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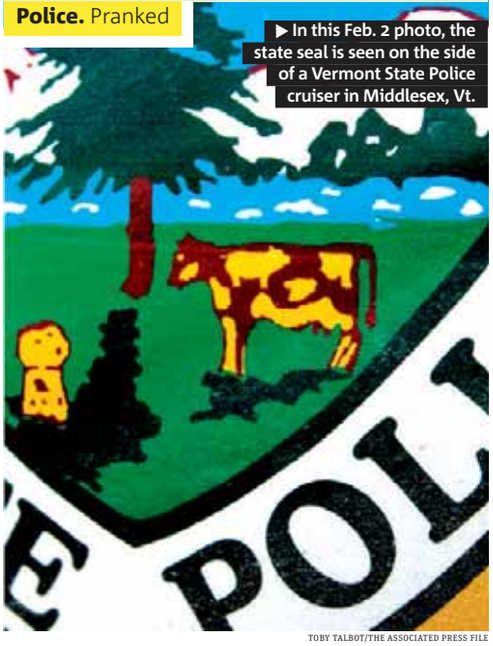

▶ In this Feb. 2 photo, the state seal is seen on the side of a Vermont State Police cruiser in Middlesex, Vt.

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This little piggy has fans

Remember that pig hidden within the decal on the doors of some Vermont State Police cruisers? There's now a movement underway to keep the pig. The pig hidden within the red cows was first noticed last week, years after it was hidden there by a prison inmate who designed the 16-inch decals. The creator of the "save the pigs" Facebook page, Cid Sinclair of Barre, wants the state to keep the pigs on the cruisers. He says times have been tough and the pigs are an opportunity for Vermonters "to laugh together as one." He has more than 500 supporters.

Shark attracts controversy

Qasim Khan waged the unlikeliest of battles with Pakistani authorities Thursday over the right to charge hundreds of curious visitors the equivalent of 22 cents each to see a roughly 40-foot whale shark he bought from a fisherman.

Khan paid about $2,200 US on Tuesday for the 20-ton behemoth, which was discovered dead in the Arabian Sea off the southern Pakistani city of Karachi.

Business was brisk Wednesday, as several thousand people paid to see the brown- and white-spotted shark, which Khan set up under a cloth tent next to the harbour.

But police cracked down Thursday, saying fishery authorities had decided people should be allowed to see the shark for free. Khan resisted and hid his prize attraction under the giant piece of green cloth he had previously used as a tent.

The move sparked a comic game of cat and mouse between Khan and the police. They would order him to remove the cover, which he would do briefly before replacing it. Then the cycle would start over again.

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▶ Staff of Karachi fisheries lift the carcass of a 40-foot whale shark in Pakistan on Tuesday.

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▶ In this 2009 file photo, U.S. Marine Sgt. Monica Perez helps Lance Cpl. Mary Shloss put on her head scarf before heading out on a patrol in Afghanistan.

PENTAGON MOVES TO EASE JOB LIMITS FOR WOMEN IN MILITARY

The U.S. military formally opened thousands of jobs to women on Thursday in units that are closer to the front lines than ever before, reflecting what already has been occurring as female soldiers fight and die next to their male comrades.

The new rules, affecting thousands of jobs, will break down more of the official barriers that have restricted the military positions women can take. They are being sent to Congress, and if lawmakers take no action after 30 work days the policy will take effect.

The changes still are not coming fast enough for some in Congress or the military. They noted the rules still ban women from serving as infantry, armour and special-operations forces, which are considered the most dangerous combat jobs.

Instead, they reflect what has been happening for the past 10 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will allow women to perform many jobs they already are doing, but in smaller units, closer to the fighting and once considered too dangerous.

"Unfortunately, the conclusions of this report do not go far enough," said Rep. Loretta Sanchez, a member of the Armed Services Committee in the House of Representatives, who started a caucus on women in the military. Sanchez said she was disappointed that the Defence Department failed to lift the ban on combat jobs for women.

Because service in combat gives troops an advantage for promotions and job opportunities, it has been more difficult for women to move to the higher ranks.

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Fashion's man of the moment defies gender

Androgynous Aussie has modelled for Marc Jacobs, John Galliano, Jean Paul Gaultier ◐ At six-foot-one he's rail-thin, a women's size 2 or 4

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▶ Model Andrej Pejic has makeup applied for a fashion shoot in New York.

On a chilly day, Andrej Pejic settles into a Manhattan café with a cup of tea, sitting gracefully, long legs crossed. The blue-eyed fashion model gazes out a window, unaware that almost every man sitting nearby is transfixed.

A man walks up to the window, presses his face against the glass and kisses it. Pejic giggles and admits: "I find it flattering."

The admirers are likely unaware that the beautiful blond is actually a man.

As Fashion Week gets under way in New York City, Pejic is one of the most recognizable — and controversial — faces in the industry. He's the only top-tier fashion model who can walk down the runway as either a man or a woman. And his androgynous beauty has turned him into a trendsetter in an industry that's always seeking to push the envelope.

Although Pejic isn't trying to be a woman, many in the transgender community have already claimed him as their own. He is seen as a bit of a maverick, someone who has embraced his sexuality without any need for explanation or justification.

Last year, the gay and lesbian magazine Out named him "stylemaker of the year" and put him on its cover wearing a bridal veil and flowers in his hair.

14 Andrej Pejic graced the covers of 14 magazines last year alone, including an ad campaign for a Dutch push-up bra.

French designer Jean Paul Gaultier was so enamoured of Pejic that he used his gender-bending look as a source of inspiration for his 2011 men's and women's wear shows, both of which Pejic modelled in. In the Gaultier men's show, a pistol-packing, bare-chested Pejic wore a sleek black suit as "James Blonde."

From an early age, Pejic exhibited qualities thought of as traditionally feminine, for instance, preferring Barbies over toy cars. As a teenager, he often hung out with girls. He says acceptance from his friends and family made him comfortable in his own skin.

"I'm lucky in that sense," he says. "If I had big muscles and were hairy with a beard, I might not be comfortable with that."

While open to discussing almost anything, Pejic remains secretive about his sexual orientation. When asked whether he prefers men or women, he coyly smiles.

"Love has no boundaries," he says.

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U.S. Sioux tribe taking beer makers to court

An American native tribe sued some of the world's largest beer makers Thursday, claiming they knowingly contributed to devastating alcohol-related problems on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota said it is demanding $500 million US in damages for the cost of health care, social services and child rehabilitation caused by chronic alcoholism on the reservation, where alcohol is banned.

The lawsuit names Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, SAB Miller, Molson Coors Brewing Company, MIllerCoors LLC and Pabst Brewing Company as defendants.

The lawsuit says one in four children born on the reservation suffer from fetal alcohol syndrome or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

The average life expectancy is estimated between 45 and 52 years, the shortest in North America except for Haiti, according to the lawsuit. The average American life expectancy is 77.5 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FBI files reveal dark side of Jobs

Documents say Apple founder was power-hungry, dishonest Secret report now being shared with public

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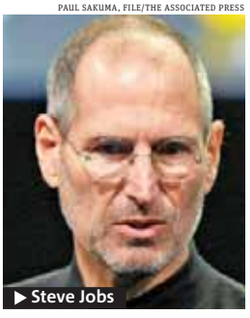

▶ Steve Jobs

FBI background interviews of some people who knew Apple co-founder Steve Jobs reveal a man driven by power and alienating some of the people who worked with him.

In the FBI documents released Thursday, many of those who knew Jobs praised him, speaking highly of Jobs' character and integrity and asserting that he always conducted his business dealings in a reputable manner. They recommended him for a post during the George H.W. Bush administration.

The 1991 interviews were part of a background check for an appointment to the President's Export Council.

The U.S. Commerce Department confirmed Thursday that Jobs did serve on the council during the first Bush administration.

Export council members serve in an unpaid capacity and meet at least twice a year, advising the president on trade policy.

One person told FBI agents the Apple co-founder's enormous power caused him to lose sight of honesty and integrity, leading him to distort the truth.

Another interview subject described Jobs to the FBI as a deceptive person – someone who was not totally forthright and honest, and as having a tendency to distort reality in order to achieve his goals.

And an ex-business associate who had a falling out with Jobs said that, while honest and trustworthy, Jobs nonetheless had questionable moral character.

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Bulls. Colombia

▶ Animal-rights activists lie on the ground, forming a bull's image during a protest against bullfighting in Bogota, Colombia.

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Activists protest bullfighting

Man pleads guilty to South Park threats

A Muslim convert from Brooklyn pleaded guilty Thursday to using a website he founded to post online threats against the creators of the South Park television show and others he deemed enemies of Islam.

In court papers filed Thursday with his guilty plea, Jesse Curtis Morton, 33, admitted that his now-defunct Revolution Muslim website served as an outlet for al-Qaida propaganda, and that he used the site to post thinly veiled threats against South Park creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker and others Morton believed to be against Islam.

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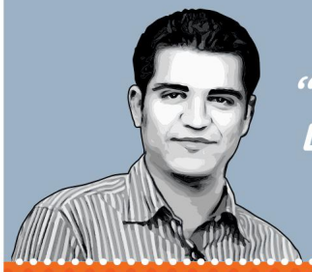

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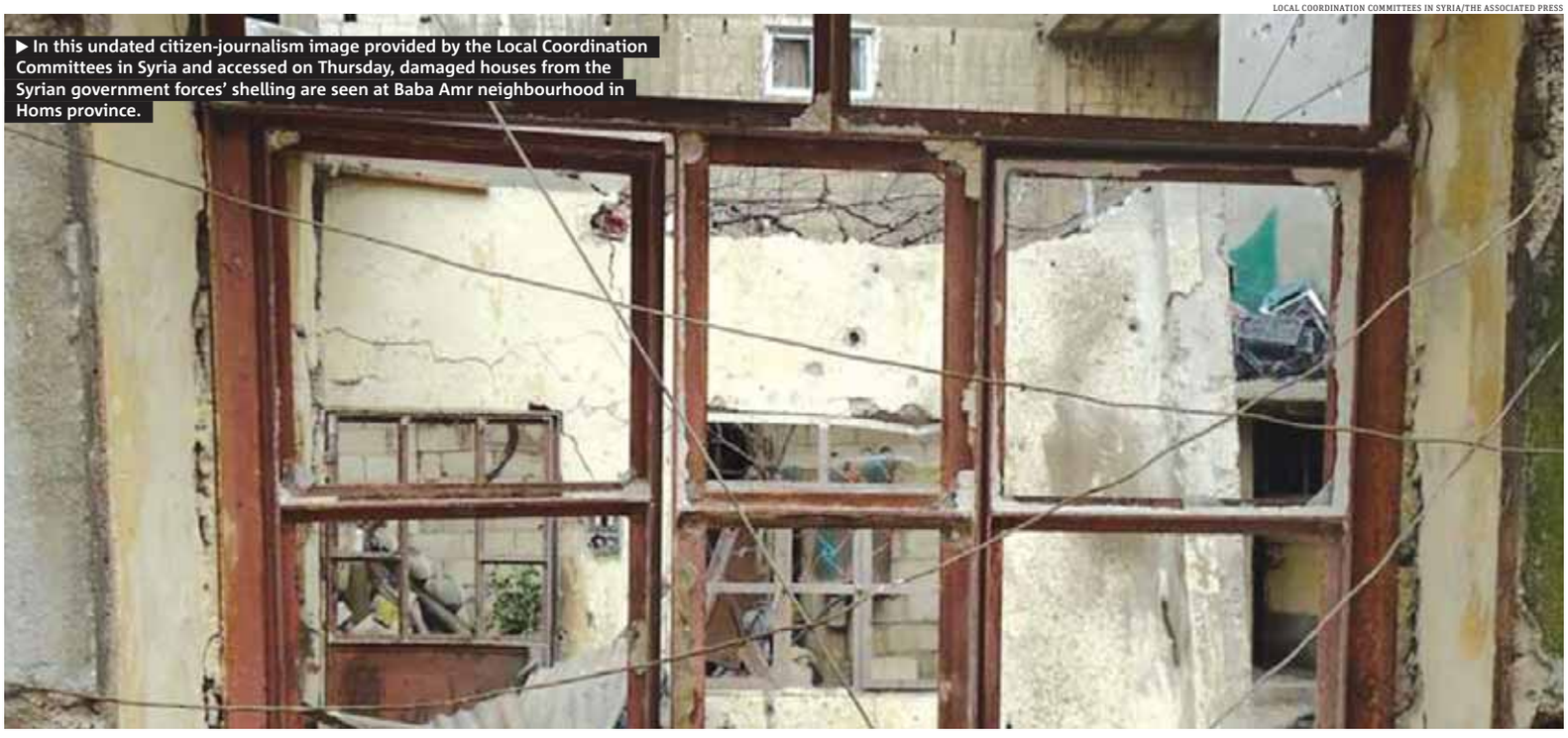

▶ In this undated citizen-journalism image provided by the Local Coordination Committees in Syria and accessed on Thursday, damaged houses from the Syrian government forces' shelling are seen at Baba Amr neighbourhood in Homs province.

Syrian city struggles to treat the wounded

Worst attack on Homs since uprising began in March: Activists Sanctions have not halted violence

Between blasts of rockets and mortar fire, Syrians used loudspeakers to call for blood donations and medical supplies Thursday in the stricken city of Homs, where a weeklong government offensive has created a deepening humanitarian crisis.

Government forces are trying to crush pockets of violent resistance in Homs, the epicentre of an 11-month-old uprising that has brought the country ever closer to civil war.

The intense shelling in restive neighbourhoods such as Baba Amr has made it difficult to get medicine and care to the wounded, and some areas have been without electricity for days, activists say.

"Anything that moves, even a bird, is targeted. Life is completely cut off. It's a city of ghosts," Abu Muhammad Ibrahim, an activist in Homs, told The Associated Press by phone.

"This brutal assault on residential neighbourhoods shows the Syrian authorities' contempt for the lives of their citizens in Homs.... Those responsible for such horrific attacks will have to answer for them."

ANNA NEISTAT, ASSOCIATE EMERGENCIES DIRECTOR AT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed since early Saturday.

Human Rights Watch also said eyewitness accounts, as well as video, suggest Syrian government forces are using long-range, indirect fire weapons such as mortars.

Such weapons "are inherently indiscriminate when fired into densely populated areas," the New York-based group said.

The wounded have overwhelmed makeshift hospitals and clinics, and there were growing concerns that the locked-down city could soon run out of supplies.

"There is medicine in the pharmacies, but getting it to the field clinics is very difficult. They can't get the medicine to the wounded," Mohammed Saleh, a Syria-based activist, told the AP by telephone.

But the city is the capital of Syria's largest province, stretching from the Lebanese border to the Iraqi frontier.

If rebel forces keep gaining ground there, some believe they could ultimately carve out a zone akin to Benghazi in eastern Libya, where rebels launched their successful uprising against Moammar Gadhafi last year.

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GETTY IMAGES

▶ This Syrian Arab News Agency handout photo shows a funeral procession for security forces killed in recent fighting in Syria.

For the children

UN senior official calls on Syria to halt violence against children in ongoing conflict.

- **The UN representative for children in armed conflict** says hundreds of children have been killed in the months-long violence in Syria and is calling on the country to immediately halt such attacks.
- **Radhika Coomaraswamy said in a statement Thursday** that the situation is particularly harrowing in Homs, where reports of the killing of children and shelling of civilian infrastructure are received daily.
- **UN officials have repeatedly called** on Syrian President Bashar Assad's government to end its crackdown on civilians amid a rising death toll that has surpassed 5,400 since the uprising began in March.

Number of 'actual' dead unknown in Homs

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees (LCC) were trying to compile numbers and names of those killed Thursday. The LCC, an activist group, said up to 100 people were killed in Homs, but the toll was impossible to verify. Activists also reported violence in the towns of Zabadani and Daraa.

The international community is searching for new diplomatic approaches to stop the protracted conflict. The Syrian government blames the unrest on a foreign conspiracy by Israel and the West. It says armed gangs and terrorists are behind the uprising, which began with mostly peaceful protests. The insurgency is raising fears the country is spiraling toward civil war.

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63 The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported 63 deaths in Homs, Syria.

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MEDIA REGULATION

ISPs are not broadcasters: Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed an appeal that sought to label Internet service providers as broadcasters.

The court sided unanimously with a Federal Court of Appeal ruling that said the service providers are not subject to the Broadcasting Act.

The justices said these companies are simply providing access to the Internet and aren't involved in creating or choosing content that people see online.

If, however, ISPs stopped being neutral transmitters of information and began selecting what was sent, they could risk falling under broadcasting regulations.

Groups representing content creators have argued that ISPs should be required to contribute to Canadian broadcasting just as cable and satellite companies do.

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Germany questions Greek deal

EU officials say even that, with debt forgiveness and planned austerity measures, a gap of about 15 billion euros remains to reach bailout targets

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▶ A pedestrian leaves the Zappeio conference hall in Athens on Thursday.

Not long after Greece made the politically unpopular decision to slash government spending to ease its debt crisis, Germany's finance minister questioned whether the deal goes far enough to earn approval of a crucial 130-billion-euro ($173-billion US) bailout.

Greece's new austerity plan would make deep cuts to jobs and wages and it ignited fresh criticism from unions and the country's labour minister, who resigned in protest. Finance ministers from the 17 countries that use the euro are meeting in Brussels to scrutinize the plan.

Greek prime minister Lucas Papademos earlier Thursday said that all major party leaders in the country's coalition government had given their backing to a new round of painful spending cuts he had worked out with the European Union, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund and that the talks "were successfully concluded."

However, Germany's Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble warned Thursday that the new round of spending cuts appears to not yet fulfil all the conditions for the bailout.

"Those general requirements are not fulfilled yet," Schaeuble said, adding that no decision on the new bailout was expected at Thursday's meeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tassimo recalls products over rupture, burn concerns

Ten-year-old Minnesota girl sent to hospital for second-degree burns

More than 40 people, including a two-year-old Canadian girl, have suffered second-degree burns from malfunctioning Tassimo coffee makers or exploding discs, prompting a recall across North America, authorities say.

Two separate Kraft Foods Canada recalls involve 900,000 Bosch-brand Tassimo coffee makers and 2 million Gevalia and Nabob espresso T-Discs in Canada.

Another 835,000 Bosch-brand Tassimo coffee makers and two million T-Discs are being recalled in the U.S.

The malfunctioning coffee makers can spray people with hot liquid, because of the way an insert is holding the single-serving discs.

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Health Canada reported 37 people in the U.S. and Canada suffered second-degree burns from malfunctioning coffee makers alone and another four from exploding discs.

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Messages from ex-Beatle hacked: Mills

She squared off against former Beatle Paul McCartney in divorce court; on Thursday, Heather Mills took on Piers Morgan at Britain's media ethics inquiry.

The ex-model trashed Morgan's earlier testimony, saying that one of her private voicemails, which was played to the CNN interviewer and former tabloid editor, could have been obtained only through phone hacking.

Mills spoke under oath at Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry into the practices of Britain's scandal-hit press, and said two dozen messages left for her by the former Beatle were intercepted by a journalist working for British newspaper group Trinity Mirror.

She said the incident happened after she and McCartney had a fight in January 2001, when McCartney, then her boyfriend, bombarded her with phone calls.

"There were about 25 messages, all asking for forgiveness, (asking:) 'Would I come back?'" Mills said. "One of them said: 'Please forgive me,''and he sang a little ditty of one of his songs into the voicemail."

She said she found it strange that the messages were listed as having been listened to even before she had accessed them, but said she didn't realize what had happened until the Mirror journalist — unnamed for legal reasons — called her up and confronted her with details of the battle.

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▶ Heather Mills

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Mills vs. Morgan

- The messages left for Mills by McCartney are at the centre of the allegations against CNN host Piers Morgan, who was editor of the Daily Mirror tabloid at the time.
- At the inquiry last year, Morgan denied ordering anyone to hack a phone or writing stories based on hacked messages.

LABOUR UNREST

Air Canada facing pilot strike

Air Canada headed closer to another possible labour disruption Thursday after its pilots began a strike vote in response to what they said was a "rigid" company position that appeared aimed at escalating their contract dispute.

A strike mandate after the schedule five days of voting would put the airline's 3,000 pilots in a legal strike position early on Feb. 17, or 72 hours after the end of a mandatory cooling-off period.

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▶ An Air Canada flight lands in Halifax.

The strike vote doesn't mean the pilots will actually initiate a labour stoppage, but it gives the union the ability to respond to any unilateral moves by the company.

Captain Gary Tarves, chairman of the Air Canada Pilots Association, said the airline's "rigid position" raises the possibility of an "escalation."

The pilots said the company rejected its offer to delay any strike or lockout until April 2 and any strike vote to no earlier than March 22.

Their proposal would have also prohibited the company from changing conditions of pilots' employment as is allowed when job action is permitted.

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Apple to unveil new iPad?

A news report says Apple plans to unveil a new iPad early next month.

AllThingsD, a website affiliated with The Wall Street Journal, says Apple is holding an event in San Francisco the first week of March — the same week the company announced the iPad 2 last year.

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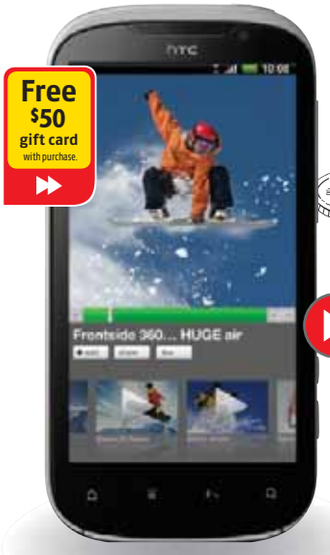

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THE METRO LIST

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1 **Hosers in heaps:** Canada's population is the fastest-growing of all G8 nations. Census 2011 revealed a growth of two million over the last five years. The fastest-growing region is the West, which means, I guess, we have to brace ourselves for a lot more country music.

2 **Off The Record:** Michael Landsberg's poignant documentary about depression aired on CTV this week. Darkness and Hope includes confessions from successful athletes who dispel the myths relating the illness to weakness or failure. Ironically, it depressed me a little, but I applaud all involved for the courage to bear their souls for the benefit of millions. Thanks, Michael.

3 **Time out:** For those contemplating a warm-weather getaway, one of the most popular new hot spots seems to be Panama City. Least popular? Damascus.

4 **And speaking of Damascus:** Vladimir Putin, the "hall monitor" of the Middle East, warned against outside forces meddling in Syria's affairs. He says, "We must not behave like a bull in a china shop." He's right. Especially when the bull that's already in there has broken most of the china himself.

5 **Seeing is believing:** Season 2 of The Voice premiered this week. It differs from other star-finder shows because judges choose without seeing contestants. There is nothing like the looks on their faces when they discover that they passed on someone beautiful or, worse, that they chose someone who looks like a female Perez Hilton.

6 **One Love:** Had he not left us too soon, this week would have been Bob Marley's 67th birthday. Thousands took Monday off to celebrate, but returned to work the next day unable to elaborate.

7 **Toughness test:** Raptors star Andrea Bargnani will get paid $9 million this year in salary alone, but has missed 20 per cent of an already shortened season due to a strained calf. I know a guy who lost a testicle and got just one day off. To be fair, though, he sucks at basketball.

8 **Freudian slip:** True story: 15 years ago, at a Blur concert in London, two of the Spice Girls, Ginger and Sporty, joined the band onstage for a set, only to be thrown off by security guards who didn't know who they were. Fortunately, the girls had learned how to break a fall earlier in their career after several incidents of being "accidentally" thrown off stage.

9 **Valentine's Day:** This year, forget the dying plants and offer up some soul. Poetry is the potion, but if your repertoire is limited, simply choose some poignant song lyrics. This year, I'm going with LMFAO's "I got passion in my pants and I ain't afraid to show it.... I'm sexy and I know it." Hey — high risk, high reward.

10 **And the award goes to:** Juno nominations were revealed this week and include Grammy nominees Bieber, Feist, Drake and Arcade Fire, as well as a bevy of future stars. To my American friends I say, "You're welcome."

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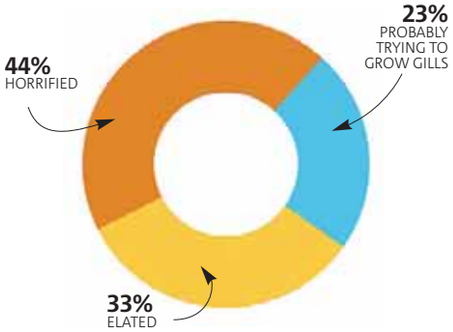
If a real Canadian winter never does show up this year, you will be:



Local tweets

- **@sunteryjones:** Kavis Reed lost the coach of year when he lost west final. An 0-5 Wally Buono bringing Lions back to win Grey Cup then retiring ... sorry.
- **@blakeprice1040:** If you missed it.. Mike Gillis says Steven Reinprecht would be a Canuck if not for waivers.. Expect him to be a part of playoff plans..
- **@MikeMartignago:** You did it Abbotsford! You're the new home of Canada's 2nd Lingerie Football League team! #goodfit #nope bit.ly/woFNeN
- **@keithbaldrey:** A 90-minute radio appearance by a premier is unusual, but the Feb. throne speech was cancelled weeks ago.
- **@MacDiarmidMLA:** Cheering for Canada, but best wishes to both teams. Just before the official draw #daviscup ow.ly/i/s5D7
- **@bnprime:** I like stargate sg1 because everywhere you go... your planet still looks like vancouver.
- **@She_is_Canadian:** Whooo! Evil Dead the Musical is coming to Vancouver!

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Missing winter? Visit an igloo

Guests of the igloo lodge enjoy drinks near the Nebelhorn mountain in Oberstdorf, southern Germany, on Wednesday.

A village of 10 igloos hosts up to 30 guests in the winter months and supplies them with warm blankets and sleeping bags, so that they can spend the night there.

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Close to home

You can check out Hôtel de Glace, which is located just outside of Quebec City.

- **This ice hotel** offers themed suites and features a Nordic relaxation area with outdoor spas and saunas.
- **This season** it is only available until March 25.

▶ A guest arrives at the igloo lodge in Oberstdorf, southern Germany.

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▶ Safe House's doomed romantic subplot featuring Ryan Reynolds slows down the action of this visceral film.

Synopsis

- Ryan Reynolds plays Matt Weston, a rookie CIA agent stationed at an underused safe house in Cape Town, South Africa. When agents bring in Tobin Frost (Denzel Washington), an ex-agent wanted for espionage, Weston is thrust into a wild escape plan, high level intrigue and must learn who to trust. Metro movie reviewer Steve Gow opines in place of Mark Breslin this week.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕
  Steve: ⊕⊕⊕

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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

'Safe' bet for action

Richard Crouse and Steve Gow agree Safe House is pure visceral fun
Poor Ryan Reynolds is chewed up by the acting chops of Denzel Washington

Richard: Steve, for most of the running time, Safe House is a pretty exciting action movie. Things blow up, Denzel is a cool bad guy, but when the movie slows down to try and provide some back story it kind of lost me. What did you think?

Steve: Richard, I agree. Although the film begins with some fairly intense action, for the most part newcomer director Daniel Espinosa has crafted a pretty ordinary thriller. It's got an overabundance of car chases, foot chases and frenetic over-the-top fight scenes that, inasmuch as they seem stolen out of the Bourne series, wears thin pretty quick. Still, that Denzel can steal a scene, can't he?

RC: He sure can, much to the detriment of his costar Ryan Reynolds. Denzel wipes the floor with Reynolds. The tension of the movie comes from Washington. He's a leading man who isn't afraid to explore the evil nature of his characters, and unlike other A-listers like Tom Cruise or Will Smith, who have it written in their contracts that they must be the hero, Washington adds in a heap of moral ambiguity, which keeps things interesting.

SG: Absolutely. Unlike the doomed romantic sub-plot between Ryan Reynolds and a Parisian blondie. I get that Espinosa is trying to add character dimension but it just ends up unnecessary and slows the rest of the film. Besides, Safe House is about visceral action first and foremost and it does deliver there. Almost unrelentingly.

RC: Too bad Green Lantern didn't have action half as good as Safe House. Then there might have been a sequel and we'd all be talking about Reynolds in his green tights instead of how here he is mainly a pile of clichés who barely registers when placed next to the more complex Washington character.

SG: Well, don't expect any sequels here either. In fact, for a story that was touted as one of the best unproduced scripts in Hollywood before it was snapped up, it doesn't push the crooked CIA story any further than we've seen before. Still, Denzel is clearly enjoying himself and I expect most audiences will vicariously join him for the ride.

Scene in brief

Producers say Naomi Watts will play Princess Diana in a film about the last years of the royal's life. Britain's Ecosse Films says Caught in Flight will focus on the two years before Diana's death in a Paris car crash in August 1997. It is directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel, best known for his film about Hitler's last days, Downfall.

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Filmmaker Lynne Ramsay didn't give up on We Need to Talk About Kevin

McG's 'war' of words

Big-talking director McG doesn't hold back while promoting his new film This Means War
Read on to learn what he thinks about homoerotic endings and the MPAA's rules on sex

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▶ The cast of This Means War poses with director McG at the film's premiere last week in London.

Director McG — previously of the Charlie's Angels movies and Terminator: Salvation — has never shied away from big talk. And it's a quality he brought with him while promoting his latest, This Means War, an action movie/romantic-comedy hybrid about two CIA agents (Tom Hardy and Chris Pine) battling it out over the same girl (Reese Witherspoon). Here's a look at some of his more eyebrow-raising statements about his film.

On toning down the film for a PG-13 rating:
"It's funny because it's the prudish, uptight MPAA that's fine with the violent components, but anything that has to do with sexuality — like I had to open up my vein and bleed. But 'You need to be a bigger liar because your boyfriend's penis is so big that he's getting a penile reduction and every time it lands in my urethra it's like a poltergeist' — who thinks that way? [Cast member] Chelsea [Handler] is out of her f---ing mind and that's why we love her. The MPAA was trying to take out all that stuff. We got it back in, but we got to take out a few things. But we retained the authentic comedic stylings of Chelsea Handler."

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▶ McG

On a lack of diversity in This Means War:
"Listen, that's a huge concern for me, you know? And I can answer that in good faith because I put Lucy Liu in Charlie's Angels. I don't like lily-white movies with lily-white people bouncing around, but you also just got to do what you got to do. In the spirit of the Benetton ad rainbow coalition, you know, the most empowered character in the film is indeed a black woman [referring to Angela Bassett's CIA boss]. I enjoy that the most powerful person in Hollywood is indeed a black woman — Oprah Winfrey. I love ethnic diversity all over the place, but I'm hoping to just transcend beyond that."

On online dating:
"The least you can say is, 'Hey, I'm really into going to bed at 9 o'clock and I like zebras and, you know, role playing.' And then you can get after it in that regard and you can narrow it down to some degree."

On leading lady Reese Witherspoon:
"She's fearless. She's given birth twice, she can do anything."

On finding the right ending for the movie:
"We wanted to have flexibility. We even talked about having two endings and releasing it — if it were on 3,000 screens, 1,500 would have this one, and 1,500 would have that one — and just not say anything.

"There's even an ending where the two boys end up in each other's arms. A homoerotic finish. I pussed out on the ending of Terminator 4. I should have gone with the dark ending for that one, so maybe I'll do the dark ending with this one."

Tom Hardy messes with us

- While he's made a name for himself with more serious performances in the likes of Bronson, Warrior and Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, let it be known that Tom Hardy has a wicked sense of humour. In fact, he sometimes has trouble answering questions seriously. When asked about the advent of online dating — a key plot point in This Means War, Hardy veers off into an anti-Internet polemic, keeping a straight face the whole time. "I think it's abhorrent, I think the whole thing is abhorrent," he says. "I think online dating is a way of procuring people, you know what I mean? Like Facebook, Myspace. It's a way that people connect out. And procure small children and sometimes you know, dodgy relationships. I don't think it's very healthy. Online dating is cool, but I think Facebook and Myspace is a little off-key."
- So how does Hardy keep in touch with his own friends? "I don't have any friends," he says, still not cracking. "I like to keep to myself. I have a dog and a son. A dog couldn't do anything to upset me, you know, and neither could my son."
- And as for the film itself, which director McG describes as "impossible to put into a box" because of its mix of action and romantic comedy genres? "I agree with that totally," Hardy says. "But I'm worried about the DVD release now. If we can't fit it in a box, we're f---ed."

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Movie reviews

The Vow
Genre: Drama
Director: Michael Sucsy
Stars: Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum, Sam Neill
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A serious question: If you awoke in a hospital bed with no memory of how you got there — or your life for the last several years — and were told that you were married to Channing Tatum, would you freak out? Or would you just high-five the nurse?

The reaction of Paige (Rachel McAdams) when faced with that decision in The Vow is not so celebratory, unfortunately. The last thing she remembers is being an uptight, blueberry mojito-drinking yuppie-in-training on her way to a law degree, so it's reasonable that she'd be a bit thrown by her new fashionably bohemian life in an impeccably shabby downtown loft with dopey but dependable musician husband Leo (Tatum). Still, Rachel. Gift horses and all.

Unfortunately, the movie takes its time getting anywhere, meandering for long stretches in the awkwardness of Paige trying to readjust to a life she doesn't remember before retreating back to the comforting familiarity of her wealthy but previously estranged family. Points to director Michael Sucsy for resisting temptations to veer into bigger, more Hollywood romantic territory, as he instead keeps close to the reality of such an unfortunate situation.

But still, you can only watch two people look frustrated for so long, no matter how beautiful they are.

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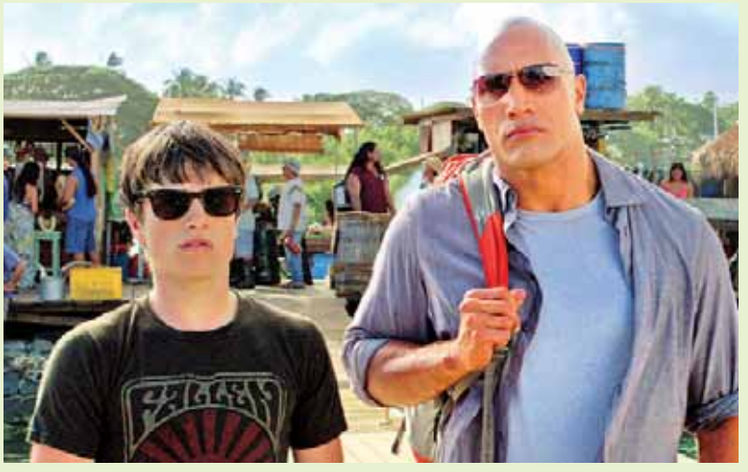

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
Genre: Action/Comedy
Director: Brad Peyton
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine
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A follow-up to 2008's Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Journey 2 takes an effects-laden 3D look at Jules Verne's The Mysterious Island — a slickly-crafted world full of kooky dwarf elephants and mule-sized bumblebees.

Formulaic and full of familiar characters, this harmless family fare draws on youthful adventure but Dwayne Johnson's annoying pec-popping and deft skills on ukulele still won't keep the sinking Mysterious Island afloat for discerning moviegoers.

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Coriolanus
Genre: Drama
Director: Ralph Fiennes
Stars: Ralph Fiennes, Gerard Butler, Brian Cox
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Ralph Fiennes' ferocious adaptation of one of Shakespeare's least-known plays has been calibrated for present-tense relevance: the director casts himself as the resentful, battle-scarred general of a war-torn nation battling media spin and the machinations of duplicitous politicians. Expert support from Jessica Chastain, Vanessa Redgrave and, surprisingly, Gerard Butler — as Fiennes' equally combat-savvy nemesis — gives the film dramatic heft to balance its scattered action flick moves.
ADAM NAYMAN

We Need to Talk About Kevin
Genre: Drama
Director: Lynne Ramsay
Stars: Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly, Ezra Miller
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Kevin (Miller) has had severe emotional problems all his life. He's cruel, manipulative, rebellious, apparently consumed with hatred targeted at his sister and mother Eva (Swinton). But her husband (Reilly) loves the boy and can't accept her reports of him forcing a pet hamster down the sink food crusher, or injuring his baby sister or masturbating in front of her. Eva is completely isolated and ruled by Kevin. One day, she's proven right when he commits an unthinkable crime. A new kind of suffering begins as the vigilantes and hatemongers show up. Ramsay's raw family portrait focuses on the natural born bully, his power and asks how he came to be. Swinton is transcendent, as always, and her fragile/strong duality is put to good use, but Miller is amazing.
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2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

The Artist (G) Fri-Thu 2:4:45:7:10:9:20
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30:4:20:7:20:9:45
Hugo 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:6:50
A Separation (G) Fri-Tue 1:15:4:10:7:9:35 Wed 1:15:4:10:9:35 Thu 1:15:4:10:7:9:35
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Thu 1:9:25
We Need to Talk About Kevin (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45:4:30:7:30:9:50

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Contraband (18A) DTS Digital Fri 6:40:9:10 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:20:6:40:9:10 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:50:8:15
Coriolanus (14A) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 9 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7:55
Haywire (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:55:9:05 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:25:6:55:9:05 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:55:8
Man on a Ledge (STC) DTS Digital Fri 7:9:30 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:30:7:9:30 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:40:8:05
One for the Money (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:05:6:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:35
Shame (STC) DTS Digital Fri-Sun 4:10:6:50:9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:45:8:25
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:35:9:20 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:6:35:9:20 DTS Digital Mon-Tue 5:30:8:10 DTS Digital Thu 5:30:8:10
War Horse (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:30:9:25 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 4:15:8 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:25:8:20

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
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Ivan the Terrible, Part II (STC) Fri 8:20
Ivan the Terrible, Part One (STC) Fri 6:30
A Killer Within (STC) Wed 7:30
Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival (STC) Sat-Tue Thu

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) A.M. Sat 9
Pina 3D (G) Fri 1:30:4:7:9:15 Sat 4:7:9:15 Sun-Thu 1:30:4:7:9:15

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 4:7:9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15:4:7:9:30 Mon-Thu 4:7:9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Chronicle (14A) Fri 1:30:3:45:6:8:20:10:40 Sat 11:10:1:30:3:45:6:8:20:10:40 Sun-Tue 1:15:3:30:5:50:8:10:10:25 Wed 1:45:4:8:10:10:25 Thu 1:45:4:8:10:10:30
The Grey (18A) Fri 1:45:4:30:7:25:10:15 Sat 4:30:7:25:10:15 Sun 1:45:4:30:7:20:10:15 Mon-Tue 1:50:4:35:7:20:10:15 Wed 4:35:7:20:10:15 Thu 1:50:4:35:7:20:10:15
Hugo 3D (G) Fri 12:45:3:40:7:9:55 Sat 10:12:45:3:40:7:9:55 Sun 12:45:3:40:7:9:55 Mon-Tue 1:20:4:10:9:55 Wed-Thu 1:20:4:10:9:55
Leonardo Live (G) Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) Sat 9
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:15:4:05:7:05:10:10 No Passes Sun-Wed 1:15:4:05:7:10 No Passes Thu 1:15:3:55:7:10
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri 1:4:15:7:30:10:40 No Passes Sat 10:1:4:15:7:30:10:40 No Passes Sun 1:4:15:7:25:10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20:4:20:7:25:10:30
To Kill a Mockingbird (G) Wed 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri 12:50:3:10:5:30:8:10:25 Sat 4:20:8:10:25 Sun 12:50:3:10:5:30:7:55:10:20 Mon 1:30:3:45:6:8:15:10:30 Tue 1:30:3:45:10:30 Wed 1:30:3:45:6:8:15:10:30 Thu 1:30:3:45:6:10:30
The Vow (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30:1:20:3:3:55:5:35:7:20:8:10:10:10:45 No Passes Sat 11:12:30:1:20:3:3:55:5:35:7:20:8:10:10:10:45 No Passes Sun 12:30:1:20:3:3:55:5:25:7:10:8:9:50:10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40:2:20:4:30:5:7:10:7:45:9:50:10:20
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30:2:55:5:20:7:50:10:20 Mon-Tue 2:4:40:7:30:10:10 Wed 2:5:7:30:10:10 Thu 2:4:40:7:30:10:10

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

80 Days (STC) Sat 5
Bicycle, Spoon, Apple (STC) Sun 3:7
Chico & Rita (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 3 Tue 8:30 Thu 8:30
Every Song Is About Me (STC) Tue 6:30 Wed 8:20
The Great Vázquez (STC) Sun 9 Mon 6:30
Half of Oscar (STC) Sun 5
Kidnapped (STC) Sat 9 Mon 8:30
Lope (STC) Sat 7 Thu 6:30
With or Without Love (STC) Fri 8:30 Wed 6:30

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri 7:10 Sat-Sun 4:7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (PG) Sat-Sun 1:20
The Artist (G) Fri 6:30:9:10 Sat-Sun 1:15:3:50:6:30:9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30:9:10
Chronicle (14A) Fri 7:20:9:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:30:7:20:9:30 Mon-Thu 7:20:9:30
The Grey (18A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) No Passes Fri 6:45:9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50:3:20:6:45:9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45:9:20
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri 6:40:9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45:3:40:6:40:9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40:9:40
The Vow (PG) Fri 7:9:35 Sat-Sun 1:10:3:35:7:9:35 Mon-Thu 7:9:35

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Big Miracle (G) Fri 6:50:9:30 Sat-Sun 1:40:4:20:6:50:9:30 Mon-Thu 6:55:9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Descendants (PG) Fri 6:30:9:10 Sat 4:10:6:30:9:10 Sun 1:10:4:10:6:30:9:10 Mon 6:40:9:10 Tue 9:15 Wed-Thu 6:40:9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri 6:40:9:20 Sat 1:20:6:40:9:20 Sun 1:20:3:50:6:40:9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50:9:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) Sat 9
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10:9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30:4:30:7:10:9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:9:40
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri 7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:4:7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30:9:30
This Means War (STC) No Passes Tue 7
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri 7:20:9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50:4:40:7:20:9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10:9:20

RICHMOND

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10:6:55:9:40
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40
Big Miracle (G) Fri-Sun 12:25:3:20:6:40:9:35 Mon-Wed 12:55:3:45:6:40:9:35 Thu 3:45:7:30:9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Mon 1:15:4:05:7:10:9:45 Tue 1:15:4:05:9:45 Wed-Thu 1:15:4:05:7:10:9:45
Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 12:55:4:15:7:45:10:45 Mon 12:55:4:15:10:25 Tue-Thu 12:55:4:15:7:45:10:25
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45:3:55:7:05:10:15
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 1:45:4:45:7:40:10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45:4:45:7:40:10:30
Hugo (G) Fri-Tue 12:35:3:35:6:50:9:55 Wed 12:35:3:35:9:55 Thu 12:35:3:35:6:50:9:55
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20:3:40:6:35:9:30 Mon-Thu 12:50:3:40:6:35:9:30
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:3:50:6:45
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island — An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 12:30:2:50:5:10:7:30:9:50
Leonardo Live (G) Thu 7
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri 1:20:4:35:7:50:10:40 Sat 4:35:7:50:10:40 Sun 1:20:4:35:7:50:10:40 Mon-Wed 1:20:4:35:7:35:10:15 Thu 1:20:4:35:10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) Sat 9
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Thu 1:4:7:10
One for the Money (PG) Fri-Thu 10
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30:3:45:7:15:10:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40:3:45:7:15:10:25
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:15:3:30:7:10:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:30:3:45:7:10:10:25
This Means War (STC) No Passes Tue 7
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40:3:40:6:45:10:10
To Kill a Mockingbird (G) Wed 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35:4:40:7:35:10:05
The Viral Factor (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50:4:05:7:25:10:30
The Vow (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10:4:20:7:20:10:25 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:10:4:20:7:20:10:15 No Passes Thu 4:20:7:20:10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25:4:30:7:25:10:20

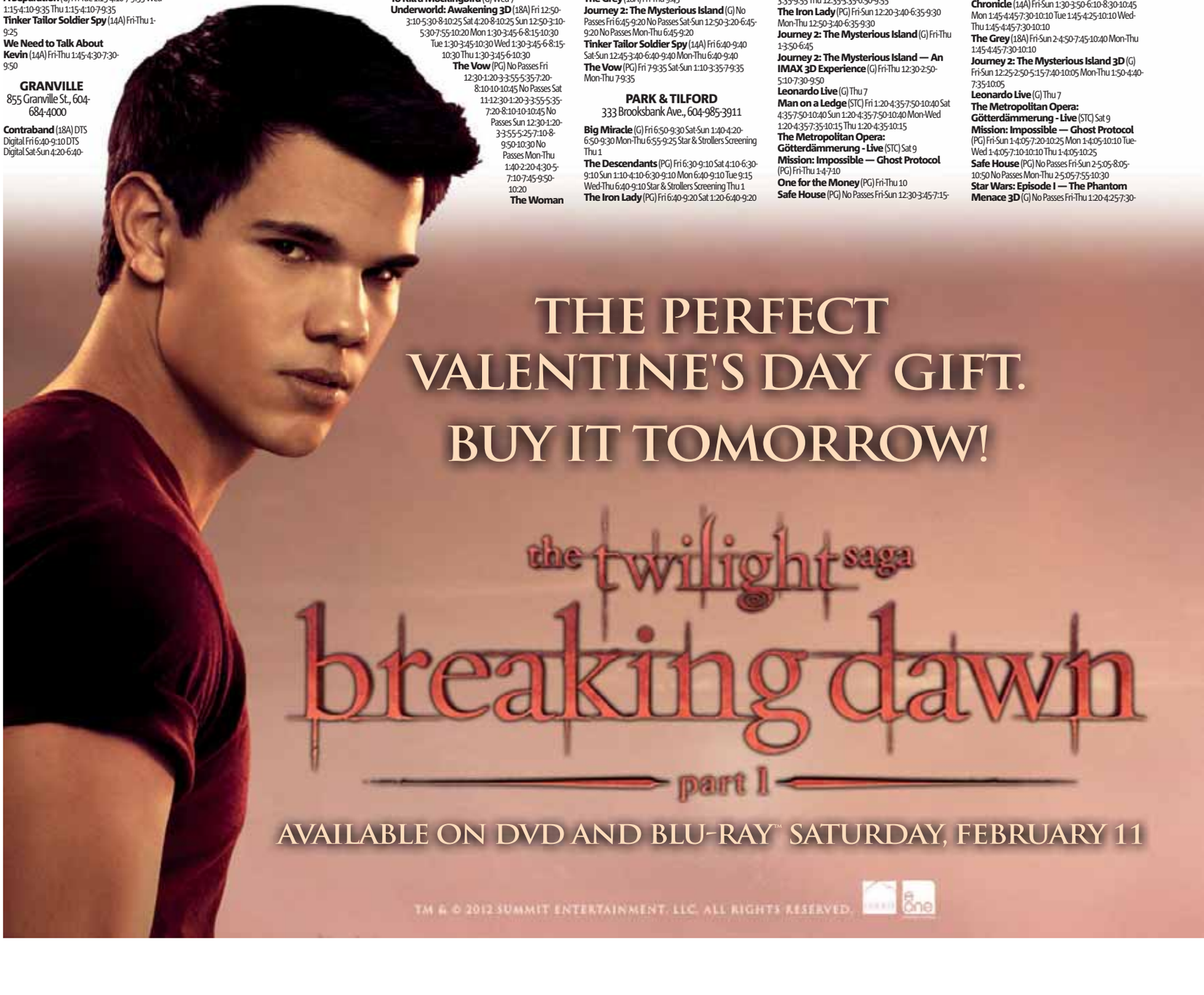
BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri 5:7:9 Sat-Sun 1:15:3:05:5:7:9 Mon-Thu 5:7:9
The Vow (PG) Fri 4:45:7:15:9:15 Sat-Sun 2:4:45:7:15:9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45:7:15:9:15

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) Fri 2:4:40:7:25:10 Sat 5:30:7:55:10:25 Sun-Thu 2:4:40:7:25:10
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30:3:50:6:10:8:30:10:45 Mon 1:45:4:45:7:30:10:10 Tue 1:45:4:25:10:10 Wed-Thu 1:45:4:45:7:30:10:10
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 2:4:50:7:45:10:40 Mon-Thu 1:45:4:45:7:30:10:10
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:25:2:50:5:15:7:40:10:05 Mon-Thu 1:50:4:40:7:35:10:05
Leonardo Live (G) Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) Sat 9
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 1:4:05:7:20:10:25 Mon 1:4:05:10:10 Tue-Wed 1:4:05:7:10:10:10 Thu 1:4:05:10:25
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:5:05:8:05:10:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:5:05:7:55:10:30
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20:4:25:7:30-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This Means War (STC) No Passes Tue 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-5:40-8:20-10:50 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:55-7:45-10:20
The Vow (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:35-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:25-8:10-10:30
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:45-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Big Miracle (G) Fri 4:7:05-9:35 Sat 1:25-4:7:05-9:35 Sun 1:25-4:7:05 Mon-Thu 4:7:05
Contraband (18A) Fri 4:30-7:25-10 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:25-10 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sat 9:40 Sun-Thu 6:55
Hugo (G) Fri 4:05-6:55 Sat 1:15-4:05-6:55 Sun 1:15-4:05 Mon-Thu 4:05
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri 4:25-7:20-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20
One for the Money (PG) Fri 4:20-7:15-9:30 Sat 1:35-4:20-7:15-9:30 Sun 1:35-4:20-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:50 Sat 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:10-7 Mon-Thu 4:10-7
The Viral Factor (14A) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:55 Sat 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:35
Big Miracle (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:40-9:30
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3-5:15-7:55-10:20 Mon 12:45-3-5:15-7:55-10:20 Tue 12:45-3:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:45-3-5:15-7:55-10:20
Contraband (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 1-3:45-7:05-9:55
The Descendants (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-5-9
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:35-10:40 Mon 1:30-4:15-7:35-10:25 Tue 1:30-4:15-7:35-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:35-10:25
The Iron Lady (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:15-6:35-9:25 Mon-Tue 12:40-3:15-6:35-9:25 Wed 12:40-3:15-9:25 Thu 12:40-3:15-6:35-9:25
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Fri-Tue 1:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1:15
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
Leonardo Live (G) Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Götterdämmerung - Live (STC) Sat 9
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:05-7:25-10:25
One for the Money (PG) Fri 12-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:10 Sat 12-5:05-7:45-10:10 Sun 12-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:10 Mon-Wed 12:30-2:45-5:05-7:45-10:10 Thu 12:30-2:45-4:55-10:10
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-7:40-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-5-8:10:45 No Passes Mon 1:45-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Tue 1:45-5-8-10:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:45-5-7:45-10:30
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:10:15
This Means War (STC) No Passes Tue 7
To Kill a Mockingbird (G) Wed 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:40 Mon 12:35-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:20 Tue 12:35-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:20
The Vow (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 2-4:45-7:50-10:30 No Passes Wed 4:45-7:50-10:30 No Passes Thu 2-4:45-7:50-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:15 Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:20-8:10:45 Mon 12:40-3-5:20-8:10:35 Tue 12:40-3-5:20-8-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-8-10:35

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri-Thu 7 **Hugo** (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
War Horse (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:35-4:45-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:50
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:20-4:15-6 Mon-Thu 4:15-6
Contraband (18A) Fri-Thu 7:45
Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (G) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 8:55
Hugo (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15-7:10 Mon-Thu 7:10
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Sun 12:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Agneepath (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-6-10
Beauty and the Beast 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:05-5:20-7:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45
Big Miracle (G) Fri-Tue 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Wed 4:45-7:20-9:55 Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Chronicle (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:25-10:30 Tue 1:30-3:50-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:25-10:30
Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu (STC) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:35-10:20
The Grey (18A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:45-10:45 Sun-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:20 Tue 7:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:20
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:50
Man on a Ledge (STC) Fri-Sun 5:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:30-10:35
One for the Money (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:20-8:05 Mon-Thu 2:30-8
Safe House (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:50-10:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 2-4:50-7:50-10:30
Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:35
This Means War (STC) No Passes Tue 7
Underworld: Awakening 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 10:45 Sun-Thu 10:25
The Vow (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 No Passes Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 No Passes Mon 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:15 No Passes Tue 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:25-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:50-4:40-7:25-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Woman in Black (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:15-10:40 Sun 12:40-3:10-5:40-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:25

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Agneepath (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:30-4:05-7:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:05-7:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 7:45
Big Miracle (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:45-3:55-6:20-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:05-7:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:55-6:20-9:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:05-7:55
Chronicle (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:20-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 6-8:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:25-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 6-8:40
Contraband (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-4:30-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:40-8:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:30-7:15-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:40-8:35
The Descendants (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:15-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:7:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:35-6:15-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5-7:50
The Grey (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:05-4-6:55-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 5:35-8:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4-6:55-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 5:35-8:15
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 3:40-6:40-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon 5:15-8 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Tue 3:40-6:40-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 5:15-8
Man on a Ledge (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 3:55-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 8:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 3:55-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 8:20
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Ramp up your workout

Put some energy — and dare we say it — fun, back into your gym routine with a few tips from celebrity trainer Harley Pasternak

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By now, your new year's exercise regimen may have gotten old and, well, boring. If anyone knows how to keep an exercise routine from getting dull, it's fitness guru and celebrity trainer Harley Pasternak.

The co-host of the new daytime TV makeover show The Revolution, who has trained Katy Perry, Robert Downey Jr. and Halle Berry, tells Metro why we should stay out of the workout doldrums and stick with the program.

"Change is what keeps the body developing," Pasternak says.

"Keep changing [your routine] up all the time. We expose the body to stimulus and it's forced to adapt. That's where we see the gain. Constantly changing forces the body to constantly adapt and keep adapting."

If you're bored with your exercise routine, your body and muscles are too — and the workout loses its effectiveness.

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▶ Harley Pasternak

Try Pasternak's tips to keep your workout invigorating:

• Change which parts of your body you work on.

• Change the music you play during your workout.

• Change tools: Whether you work with barbells or water bottles, change what you use.

• Change the time of day that you exercise.

Power of five

Five is a lucky number with Pasternak, who has a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology and Nutritional Sciences, plus an honours degree in kinesiology.

That figure kept cropping up in his routines, and it became the basis of his 5-Factor Success System Diet and Fitness Program ($100, hsn.com), which launched in January.

5-Factor System: "When I was working on movie sets, we would be shooting five days a week and we'd do 25-minute workouts split into five-minute segments. There wasn't a lot of time during shooting breaks so I'd be preparing five-minute meals with no more than five ingredients. I used that [basis] for the 5-Factor System because it's how I found success," says Pasternak.

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▶ Lana Parrilla in a scene from Once Upon a Time.

Tapping into the evil

Lana Parrilla, whose dual roles on the fantasy drama Once Upon a Time include the fearsome Evil Queen, wasn't satisfied just knowing her character was evil.

"You can also see she's a tortured soul," says Parrilla, "and I made a very conscious choice to reveal the pain underneath."

While she prepped for her audition, she asked herself: What caused that pain?

"So I did a meditation, and I saw a lot of her past and tapped into it," discovering in the process that "a major betrayal and the loss of someone she deeply loves are what caused the darkness to overtake her, and what caused her need to punish everyone in her life. She doesn't want anyone to be happy, because HER happiness was taken from her."

Parrilla shared her epiphany with the show's co-creators, Edward Kitsis and Adam Horowitz, "and they had their own vision which was totally in line with mine. Maybe I tapped into THEIR psyches!"

The ABC freshman hit, which airs Sunday at 8 p.m. EST, has a mind-bending premise ("every time I try to pitch this show," Parrilla laughs, "it sounds like I've just smoked something really strong").

In a nutshell: Thanks to the Evil Queen's curse, a number of fairy-tale characters were transported to the contemporary village of Storybrooke, Maine, where they have forgotten their pasts as well-known storybook characters and, now stranded in the artifice of real life, have been denied every fairy-tale character's birthright: the prospect of a happy ending.

The hard-hearted mayor of Storybrooke is Regina, the other character played by Parrilla. Also starring on the show are Ginnifer Goodwin, Josh Dallas, Robert Carlyle, Jared Gilmore and Jennifer Morrison.

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The River: You'll need a nightlight

Crew of a research vessel search for a missing TV explorer in the Amazon
Show ups the anxiety and fear factor The River airs Tuesdays on CTV

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▶ A scene from The River

A good scare is a hard thing to come by on a primetime television series, which tend to steer clear of horror outside of dead bodies on a cop show. But when Paranormal Activity mastermind Oren Peli is at the helm, fear becomes the central plot.

The terror auteur makes his television debut with The River, a paranormal thriller that chronicles the search for nature show host Dr. Emmet Cole (Bruce Greenwood), who has disappeared in the Amazon.

The rescue operation is spearheaded by Cole's former co-stars — his wife (Leslie Hope) and son (Joe Anderson), who assemble a team that includes a film crew documenting the expedition. But the hunt for clues quickly leads to unexpected, unearthly finds — like angry spirits and terrifyingly evil baby dolls.

"We were all on the same page that the way we want to create the scares is not with gory images or anything that's overly visual," says Peli.

The "we" he refers to includes producing partner Steven Spielberg, who convinced him to turn The River into a TV series rather than a film.

"We want to create the kind of anxiety and tension that allows the audience to use their own imagination to fill in the blanks and kind of create their own worst-case nightmare scenario."

The effect is artfully achieved by using "found" footage from the search party's documentary crew as part of the series' cinematography. Showrunner Zack Estrin finds the tactic so crucial to the heart of the show that he refers to it as "the use of the camera as a character."

"When you're watching the show, you aren't just, you know, seeing people react," Estrin says.

"You're actually having the filmmakers themselves react because those camera guys are getting scared just the same as everybody else, and I think it has a much bigger impression on the audience."

About Mr. Spielberg

Getting a television series, Oren Peli says, was as simple as meeting with Steven Spielberg. Which, of course, wasn't very simple at all.

"It actually started with an idea that I had for a movie, which was much more simple than the way The River has evolved," Peli says. "It was just going to be about a documentary crew that has gone missing in the rainforest and filming the rescue mission to find them. I developed this idea with a couple of my producing partners, and we just put it aside and went on to produce other films. Then I had a meeting with Steven Spielberg, and he told me, 'Hey, we should do a TV show together,' and I'm thinking, 'OK. Sure, whatever you say.'"

At that point, Peli admits, "I was barely figuring out the world of movies. I had no idea about anything with TV, and I tried to come up with some cool idea for a TV show." He turned his focus back to films, and ended up chatting with the writer of Paranormal Activity 2 about ideas that never came to fruition.

"I was telling him about this idea for the missing rainforest expedition, and he goes crazy for this," Peli remembers, "like, 'Why waste it on one movie? You can turn it into a whole TV show, and every episode they get into another adventure.'"

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TV picks

Deschanel hits SNL

KARMIN TO PERFORM. New Girl star Zooey Deschanel gets her first crack at hosting Saturday Night Live. She's joined by musical guest Karmin, a duo who became popular online performing covers. (Global)

So you think you can act?

WAY OFF BROADWAY. Amateur community theatre enthusiasts get a chance to live out their dreams on Friday in the Canadian reality show Way Off Broadway. The makeshift cast has eight weeks to practise before performing The Wizard of Oz in front of an audience of 1,100 people. (Bravo)

Fear Factor ups the ante

BEE WARY. Fear Factor has already nixed one episode for crossing the line of good taste, so you know they're pushing the boundaries this season. This Sunday, contestants perform death-defying stunts and take on angry swarms of bees. (NBC)

Glued to the ice

SATURDAY. Hockey fans have all day to celebrate the sport with CBC's annual Hockey Day in Canada. The network is focusing on PEI but will use 13 live Canadian locations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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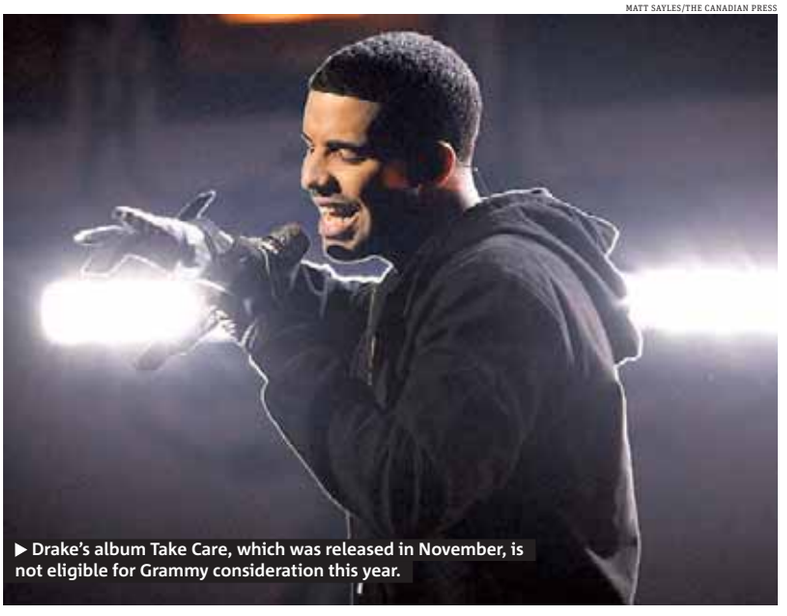

▶ Drake's album Take Care, which was released in November, is not eligible for Grammy consideration this year.

Thank me later

Grammy nominations don't reflect big year for Canadians

This past year was one of the best in recent memory for chart-storming Canadian artists, yet you wouldn't know it tuning in to this weekend's Grammy Awards.

But there's no need to raise those patriotic pitchforks. While there was a point in December in which four of the top five slots on the U.S. Billboard charts were occupied by Canadian artists, most of music's Grammy-worthy Canucks were simply fashionably late in 2011.

The eligibility period for this year's awards — to be broadcast Sunday from L.A.'s Staples Center on Global and CBS — ran from Sept. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011.

Chief among the Grammy shoo-ins who didn't make the cut? Drake, whose innovative slow burn sophomore record Take Care topped critics' polls, earning praise for its flickering, ennui-steeped R&B/hip-hop hybrid. The album opened at No. 1 in the U.S. en route to platinum sales.

The fact that the 25-year-old from Toronto reeled in three nominations anyway — for collaborations with Nicki Minaj, Rihanna and DJ Khaled — suggests that the Recording Academy really, really likes him. But when it comes to Take Care, he'll have to wait for the Grammys to thank him later.

Michael Bublé has a similarly solid track record with the Grammys, having won three trophies over the years.

But while his charmingly retro holiday disc Christmas filled more stockings than the Rockettes last year, it came out in October and just missed Grammy consideration.

While it's tough to tell whether 17-year-old teen-pop sensation Justin Bieber would have been nominated for his own featherweight holiday collection, Under the Mistletoe (the Stratford, Ont., native is a two-time nominee, after all), he also missed the eligibility period by a little over a month.

Ditto divisive hard-rockers Nickelback. Say what you will about the midtempo, midbrow sludge-slingers, they've been nominated for six Grammys in the past. But Here and Now came out in November, when it was "Here and Late" in Grammy terms.

And Feist's Metals was the closest of all, hitting stores on Oct. 4 in the U.S. and Canada. While the contemplative disc lacks the immediate pop splendour of predecessor The Reminder — which earned the Toronto-based songwriter four Grammy nominations in 2008 — the record was praised widely for its inventive instrumentation and sturdy song craft.

But like many of her high-profile compatriots, Feist will just have to wait until next year to find out if Metals is worthy of Grammy attention.

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The Adele factor

- It might not be a bad thing that the Canucks will mostly be on the outside looking in this year.
- At least this way they don't have to compete with Adele.
- The British crooner with the almighty pipes is expected to win pretty much everything in sight on Grammy night. It's not just that her anguished sophomore record, 21, sold more copies than Kinko's in a year-long residency near the top of the charts.
- But Adele also would seem to occupy the Grammy voter sweet spot. She's young enough that the hip set can hum any of her ubiquitous melodies, but has a retro neo-soul style and handsomely understated production that appeals to older voters.

Nothing but the beat

Grammy Awards set to feature first dance music segment with Deadmau5, Brown, Guetta and others

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▶ David Guetta

Grammy show producer Ken Ehrlich had considered putting dancing/electronica music into the ceremony in the past, but could never quite figure out how to incorporate the high-energy club feel in front of a sometimes staid audience.

He thinks he's figured it out this year. For the first time, the Grammy show will put the spotlight on the genre with a segment featuring Grammy nominees Deadmau5, the Foo Fighters, Chris Brown, David Guetta and Lil Wayne, all performing in a tent space amid 1,000 fans.

"We decided to go all out this year," Ehrlich said of the performance taking place outside the Staples Center in Los Angeles, where Sunday's ceremony will be held. "All we're going to try and do next week is to try and put the home audience in the middle of it. ... It is more than just sitting there and watching it."

Dance music did not receive its own category until 2003 with the best dance recording/dance field, and the music had not been featured with its own segment in the show.

"As much as a recorded medium that it is, and the fact that it's selling a lot of CDs and downloads, it's really a live experience." GRAMMY SHOW PRODUCER KEN EHRLICH ON DANCE

"I don't know that I figured out a way to do it that felt right until now," Ehrlich said in an interview Monday. "My feeling about dance is it's such an immersive experience for the participant, that to put it on stage ... where the audience is not a part of it ... I don't know, honestly, until we came up with the idea of doing it this way, I don't know if it ever would have worked."

Ehrlich calls the performance the "most ambitious number that we've ever done outside the Staples Center."

It will feature at least four cameras from audience level as Deadmau5 (pronounced dead mouse) and the Foo Fighters perform his remixed version of the band's song Rope, which netted him one of his Grammy nominations, and as Brown and Lil Wayne perform with Guetta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All eyes on Chris Brown

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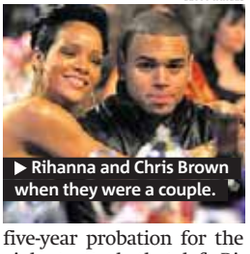

▶ Rihanna and Chris Brown when they were a couple.

Three years ago, Chris Brown physically assaulted his then girlfriend, pop star Rihanna, the night before the Grammy Awards.

This Sunday will be the first time since the traumatic incident that both singers attend and perform at the event. Things between them have more than cooled down since (they follow each other on Twitter and feed rumours about their possible reconciliation via cryptic tweets) but what happened is far from forgotten.

Although the restraining order requiring him to stay 50 yards from the singer (10 at industry events) has been lifted, he is still under a five-year probation for the violent attack that left Rihanna bruised and bloodied.

It's no wonder that all eyes will be fixed on Brown's every move this weekend. We ask anger management expert Shannon Munford what to expect on the night.

How should Brown behave to hush the critics?
"The press knows that they can pull the trigger and expect a reaction from him so the best he can do on the night is his job, and that is to be an entertainer. It's an emotional part of his life and he's so high strung about the incident that it's obviously still an issue for him. He needs to be present and perform.

Rihanna seems to be the most forgiving of the incident. Is this healthy?
"She will never be able to forget what happened but she has to forgive him or she will carry this burden within her on to future relationships. He also needs to forgive himself, which he doesn't seem to have done yet."

How should Rihanna behave?
"If they have a relationship they should be honest about the fact she has moved on and she shouldn't ignore him."

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Let's wave goodbye to the blond weave

The human Barbie doll look needs to go, says Metro's Dorothy Robinson

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Well, that's it. By appearing at an amfAR gala on Wednesday night in New York City with this rug on her head, Lindsay Lohan has officially killed the blond, wavy, weave look. But is that such a bad thing? The blond weave has had a good run. (How good did 52-year-old Madonna look with one while performing at Sunday night's Super Bowl?) But the look — it's getting a bit tired, no? Like, we get it: You're a human Barbie doll. Good for you.

▶ Lindsay Lohan

It's officially over for Katy and Russell

Well, that was fast. Katy Perry has signed Russell Brand's divorce settlement, reaching an agreement to end their 14-month marriage, according to TMZ.

"The parties have entered into a comprehensive written settlement of all issues, including, without limitation, with respect to the property to be confirmed or assigned to each party," the document reads, outlining that Brand isn't after any of Perry's money.

The former couple insisted their split was amicable, and that's certainly the case if Perry's signature is any indication: She signed the divorce settlement with a little smiley face next to her name. METRO

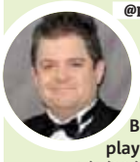
Celebrity tweets

@aimeemann

Tonight, I'm staying in and proving to myself that I really will watch just about anything on tv.

@oliviawilde

House lovers, it's the end of an era. Shows like that don't happen, well, ever. I'm honored to have been a part of such a brilliant story.



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Three days after I was born, The Beatles played their last concert (1/30/69). My bad.

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Huge congratulations to The Daily Star for making up an interview with me today.

Courteney Cox can't get a date

Courteney Cox hasn't been having much luck in the romance department since her split from husband David Arquette, she admits in an interview with Howard Stern.

"No guy's asked me out. I'm not saying I'm not ready to have a make-out session, but it just makes me nervous. I don't like to go out in general," she says.

"I have sexual feelings, and there's ways to deal with that."

But Cox admits that dating needs to make its way to the top of her agenda: "It's time for me to get out there. It's not easy to meet people. They don't call me," she explains. METRO

Courteney Cox

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This fabulous recipe from Daniela Molettieri, winning Canadian student chef of the S. Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef Competition, will surely win over your lover for Valentine's Day!

With two tenderloins, enjoy one and bring one for lunch to let your co-workers know who loves you!

Filet of Veal Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, served with Butternut Squash and Roasted Hazelnut Purée Preparation:

1 Butternut Squash Purée: Bring squash to boil in salted water 20 mins. or until very soft. Drain well and return to pot. Using potato masher, mash well with butter, salt and pepper. Stir in hazelnuts. Set aside and keep warm.

2 In skillet, melt 1/4 cup (60 mL) of butter over medium high heat; cook mushrooms, shallots, thyme and garlic, stirring occasionally 15 mins. or until liquid has evaporated. Set aside and let cool.

3 Using chef's knife, make incision in centre of tenderloin across middle, not cutting through to the other side. Cut along each side to open more. Stuff with mushroom mix and close. Tie tenderloins with butcher's twine in 2 inch (5 cm) intervals and place seam side down on parchment paper lined baking sheet; sprinkle with half of pepper and salt. Roast in 350 F (180 C) oven 45 mins. or until meat thermometer reaches 150 F (65 C) for medium rare. Rest for before slicing.

4 In saucepan combine dried mushrooms and stock and simmer for 10 minutes. Drain through fine mesh sieve and return stock to saucepan. Whisk in remaining butter and pepper.

5 Spread squash in centre of plate and place veal slices alongside. Spoon sauce along meat to serve. **DANIELA MOLETTIERI/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

Ingredients:

- 2 veal or pork tenderloins
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 12 oz (375 g) fresh mixed fresh mushrooms, minced
- 4 shallots, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) black pepper
- Pinch salt
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) veal or beef stock
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried mushrooms (about 1 oz/30 g)

Butternut Squash and Roasted Hazelnut Puree:

- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) peeled and cubed butternut squash
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped toasted hazelnuts

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▶ This recipe serves eight, so be sure to share the love.

Of bubbly love potions

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With Valentine's Day around the corner, love is in the air and all over the greeting card racks at your local pharmacy.

I'm sure most love birds will launch a pre-emptive passion play and celebrate this weekend, but I like when the holiday falls on a Tuesday as it does this year.

A weekday Valentine's means I have an excuse to inject spice into an uneventful winter evening with colour co-ordinated liquid.

A bottle of rosé wine has the right dark pink hue, but mixing a glass of dry still or sparkling white wine with a touch of fruit liqueur looks and tastes sexier.

France's Chambord Royale ($36.75 - $45.99) is a modern take on a Loire Valley-based liqueur made with black raspberries that dates back to the 17th century. Its big blast of berry is softened when a teaspoon is mixed with red or white wine.

If simple mixology doesn't sound attractive, the Chilean sparkler Fresita ($12.90 - $15.99) combines bubbles with an infusion of strawberries. It's a perfect match for romance. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

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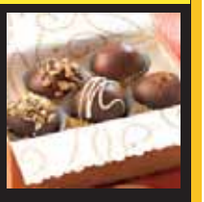

Want to make your own chocolate this Valentine's Day? Alan Kehl, a hobbyist chocolate-maker from Waterloo, Ont., says the following tools are essential for any serious chocolate-maker:

1. A good thermometer.

2. Scales (for weighing ingredients).

3. A slab of marble (it's best to work with chocolate on a smooth, cool surface).

4. A good set of dipping forks (for dipping the pieces of ganache into chocolate).

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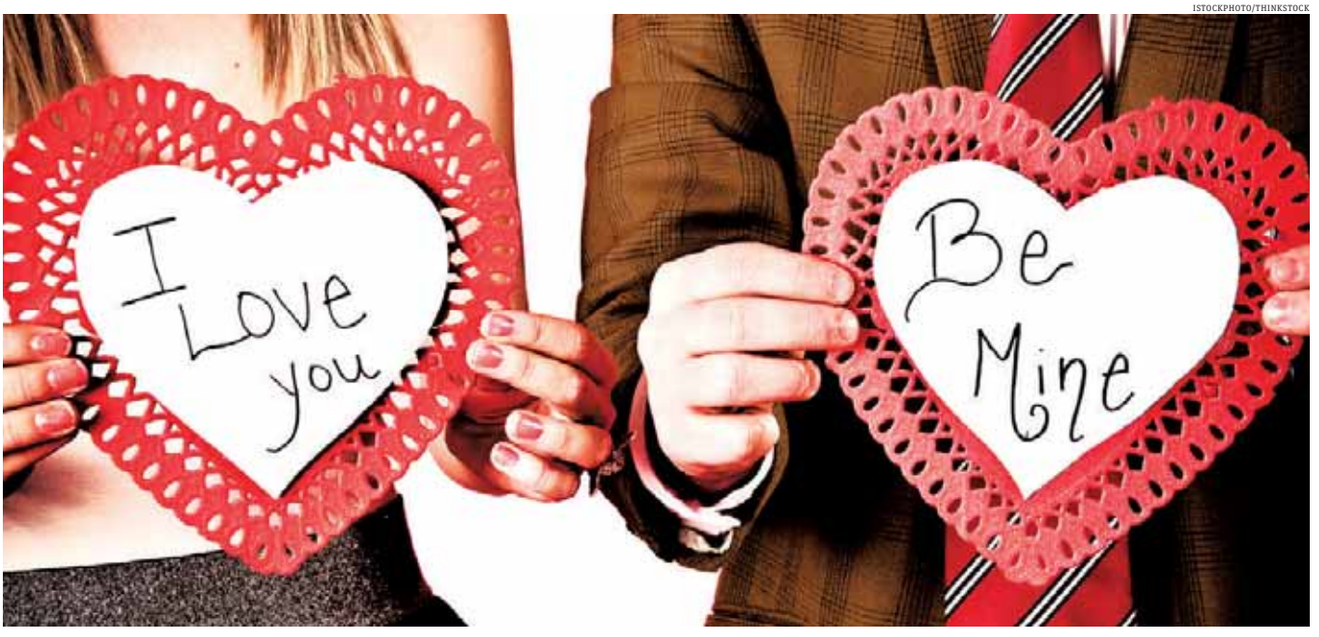

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Try something different this year

Forget the crammed restaurant with inflated prices. Try something different this Valentine's Day.

"It's a great day to practise what being in a relationship is all about," says Dale Curd, a Toronto-based psychotherapist. Here are some fresh ideas to sample this Feb. 14.

A "learn together" date. "Such as a dance lesson. What you're trying to do is excite your partner's mind and appeal to their heart," says Curd. "And it's not what just one person wants to do. It's something that has you both leaning beyond your edge, as in 'Ooh, I don't know if I could do that.'" Some things to try? Hitting a roller rink together or taking a cooking class. (Have no romantic partner on the horizon? Couple up with a friend or a few pals for a girls or guys night out.)

Surprise your partner with a gift that anticipates their needs — maybe your girlfriend lives off of frozen meals. "Order a meal service for a week for her," says Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach. "So it's something you think your partner is going without right now."

Try the "high/low" concept. Instead of the fancy restaurant meal, pick up yummy ingredients at a farmers' market or grocery store to recreate a meal together at home, she adds. If you are dateless on Valentine's, try this with friends or mixed singles — everyone brings an ingredient (or course) to make the meal together.

Create a new ritual. Skip the heart-shaped box of chocolates and instead fill a basket with different blends of coffee beans and two new mugs. "Then make a point of getting up earlier each morning — before the kids! — to share some java before starting your day," says Debra Macleod, a relationship counsellor in Red Deer, Alta. "Studies show that couples who enjoy such rituals have longer and happier unions."

In the mood for something spicier? Try body sliding. "This is a style of sensual body massage where lovers drench their bare bodies in oil and slide over, under and around each other, sort of an adult slip-and-slide," says Macleod. "Countless studies show that regular, pleasurable sexual intimacy is strongly associated with marital success."

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▶ Wild goalie Niklas Backstrom can't stop a shot on goal by Daniel Sedin.

A Twin City takedown

Both Sedins score as Canucks beat Wild ◐ Henrik keeps consecutive-game streak alive

Henrik and Daniel Sedin both scored against Minnesota for the first time in their careers to lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 5-2 win over the Wild on Thursday night.

Maxim Lapierre, Manny Malhotra and Ryan Kesler also scored for the Canucks.

A CT scan earlier in the day on Henrik Sedin's right foot came back clean and the Canucks captain played in his 553rd consecutive game, the second-longest active streak in the NHL. Calgary defenceman Jay Bouwmeester was at 559 entering Thursday.

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Henrik's foot appeared to be just fine when he flew in behind a Wild defender and gave the Canucks (34-15-5) a 3-1 lead early in the second period.

Dany Heatley scored 13 seconds into the game for the Wild (25-21-8), the fastest goal to start a game in team history.

Minnesota captain Mikko Koivu returned after missing the previous eight games with a shoulder injury and centred a line with Heatley and Devin Setoguchi.

But Koivu's return wasn't enough to spark an offence that's scored just once in four straight games and ranks 29th in the NHL in goals.

The Sedin twins have scored 27 career goals and totalled 107 points against Minnesota, but Thursday was the first time both scored in the same game.

Kesler's goal was an empty-netter late in the third period.

Looking to get his team's offence going, Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault put the twins on separate lines Tuesday against Nashville. They were back together against Minnesota and now have combined for 113 points this season.

After Heatley's quick goal, Daniel Sedin scored at 4:26 of the first with Vancouver on a 5-on-3 power play.

Lapierre made it 2-1 with 42 seconds left in the first. Henrik Sedin made it 3-1 just 50 seconds into the second.

The Wild, 3-4-1 without Koivu, went almost 20 minutes without a shot on goal to close the first period and start the second before the Koivu-Setoguchi-Heatley line got going again and gave Minnesota some life.

The Wild had a 20-17 advantage in shots when Malhotra tipped Kevin Bieksa's wrist shot past Niklas Backstrom, causing the Wild goalie to stare up in the air in frustration.

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It's official: Leafs, Wings will play outside

Two iconic franchises, two passionate fanbases and the largest stadium in North America. The Toronto Maple Leafs and Detroit Red Wings are set to take the Winter Classic to a whole new level in 2013.

"It's Hockeytown versus the centre of the hockey universe," Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke said Thursday.

The Original Six foes will play outdoors at Michigan Stadium — known as the Big House — on Jan. 1, part of a showcase that includes minor league and junior hockey games at Detroit's Comerica Park.

Toronto will be the first Canadian team to play in the Winter Classic when the Leafs and Wings face off about 75 kilometres west of Detroit in Ann Arbor.

They'll arrive with a fanbase that needed about an hour to crash the ticket pre-sale website after Thursday's announcement. The Leafs' official Twitter feed cited "overwhelming demand" for the problem.

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The Detroit-Toronto rivalry dates to 1927. They play in different conferences now, but the Wings have faced the Leafs in 117 playoff games, second only to 170 Boston-Montreal meetings.

The NHL is expecting to eclipse Michigan Stadium's Guinness World Record hockey crowd of 104,173 for a 2010 NCAA game.

"Even with 115,000 or more tickets available, we still won't have enough to satisfy the demand," said commissioner Gary Bettman.

Buffalo, Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have all hosted the event. With the Detroit area hosting next year, Bettman felt the time was right to include a Canadian club.

"We thought that we had built this event to a level where it made sense to do it, and that even from a U.S. network television standpoint, we were comfortable that it would work well," Bettman said.

There have been two outdoor Heritage Classics on Canadian soil: Montreal vs. Edmonton at Commonwealth Stadium in 2003, and Montreal vs. Calgary at McMahon Stadium last year. The game in Edmonton was the NHL's first outdoor regular season game.

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No Peace. For Pierce

▶ Lakers forward Metta World Peace, left, pressures Celtics forward Paul Pierce in Boston on Thursday night.

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Pau bursts Boston's bubble with block

Pau Gasol blocked Ray Allen's putback attempt at the buzzer in overtime and the Los Angeles Lakers held on to beat the Boston Celtics 88-87 on Thursday night.
Gasol finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Andrew Bynum had 16 points and 17 rebounds to help the Lakers snap a two-game losing streak.
Allen scored 22 points and Kevin Garnett had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Boston, which had won five in a row.

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Buono looks for his final coaching win

After retiring from sidelines, Lions GM gets CFL coach of the year nod

He's through patrolling the CFL sidelines but Wally Buono is still getting coaching accolades.

Buono was named a finalist for the CFL's coach of the year award Thursday in voting by the Football Reporters of Canada. Also nominated were Kavis Reed of the Edmonton Eskimos and Paul LaPolice of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

The winner will be announced March 2 in Toronto.

"When I think about it, I'm happy that I'm being looked at with the next wave of good head coaches," Buono said. "When you look at Paul LaPolice and my arch enemy Kavis Reed in Edmonton, these are the good, young coaches that are coming up and it's a credit to be nominated with them."

The 62-year-old Buono, a native of Potenza, Italy, who grew up in Montreal, is the overwhelming favourite after leading B.C. to an improbable 34-23 Grey Cup win over Winnipeg. The championship was Buono's record-tying fifth as a head coach and came despite the Lions' 0-5 start to the season.

LaPolice said Buono deserves to be considered the front-runner.

"When you win the thing we're all shooting for you would think that guy is the favourite," he said. "Certainly I'm happy for all three of us.

"It really doesn't matter. Just being nominated feels pretty good."

Winnipeg underwent a resounding transformation under sophomore head coach LaPolice. After a disappointing 2010 campaign, the 41-year-old native of Lynchburg, Va., guided the Bombers to a East Division-best 10-8 record .

Reed, a 38-year-old from Georgetown, S.C., and former Eskimos defensive back, arrived in Alberta in Dec. 10 with no head coach experience after spending '09 as the defensive co-ordinator with Winnipeg.

He led Edmonton to a 5-0 start to 2011 before dropping three straight. Still, the Eskimos finished tied with B.C. and Calgary for the CFL's best record at 11-7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	52	34	13	1	4	145	106	73	17-6-0-2	17-7-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
d-Boston	52	33	17	1	1	180	117	68	17-9-1-1	16-8-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
d-Washington	54	28	21	2	3	151	152	61	19-7-0-2	9-14-2-1	4-3-2-1	L1
Philadelphia	54	31	16	2	5	177	160	69	13-8-1-4	18-8-1-1	4-3-0-3	W1
New Jersey	54	31	19	1	3	153	152	66	15-9-0-3	16-10-1-0	6-2-0-2	L1
Pittsburgh	54	30	19	2	3	163	141	65	15-7-2-0	15-12-0-3	7-2-0-1	L2
Ottawa	57	28	22	5	2	166	177	63	15-11-1-1	13-11-4-1	3-6-1-0	W1
Toronto	55	28	21	3	3	171	161	62	16-8-2-2	12-13-1-1	6-3-0-1	L2
Florida	53	25	17	5	6	134	150	61	14-5-1-6	11-12-4-0	4-3-1-2	W1
Winnipeg	56	26	24	3	3	134	153	58	16-8-0-2	10-16-3-1	5-4-0-1	W2
Montreal	55	22	24	2	7	144	149	53	11-11-2-5	11-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	W3
NY Islanders	53	22	23	5	3	128	154	52	11-12-5-0	11-11-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	53	23	24	3	3	151	180	52	15-8-1-1	8-16-2-2	6-2-2-0	L2
Buffalo	53	23	24	3	3	132	154	52	12-9-3-3	11-15-0-0	4-5-0-1	W2
Carolina	55	20	25	6	4	139	168	50	14-12-0-3	6-13-6-1	5-2-2-1	L1

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	55	36	17	1	1	176	131	74	21-2-1-0	15-15-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Vancouver	53	33	15	0	5	171	133	71	15-6-0-4	18-9-0-1	6-2-0-2	W2
d-San Jose	51	29	16	3	3	148	121	64	17-9-2-0	12-7-1-3	4-5-0-1	L2
St. Louis	53	32	14	1	6	133	109	71	22-3-1-3	10-11-0-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Nashville	55	32	18	3	2	155	144	69	17-7-2-2	15-11-1-0	6-3-0-1	L2
Chicago	54	29	18	4	3	171	163	65	19-6-1-3	10-12-3-0	3-5-2-0	L6
Los Angeles	55	26	19	4	6	119	120	62	15-11-0-4	11-8-4-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Dallas	53	28	23	0	2	141	150	58	15-10-0-2	13-13-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Minnesota	53	25	20	2	6	122	136	58	13-7-1-2	12-13-1-4	3-5-0-2	L2
Phoenix	54	25	21	3	5	143	143	58	12-10-2-2	13-11-1-3	5-4-0-1	W3
Calgary	54	25	22	3	4	130	147	57	14-8-1-1	11-14-2-3	5-3-0-2	W1
Colorado	55	27	25	2	1	140	153	57	15-13-0-1	12-12-2-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Anaheim	53	21	24	4	4	138	158	50	15-13-2-0	6-11-2-4	7-2-1-0	W2
Edmonton	54	21	28	1	4	143	162	47	15-8-1-2	6-20-0-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Columbus	54	15	33	1	5	125	179	36	9-14-1-2	6-19-0-3	3-6-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 4 N.Y. Islanders 2
Ottawa 4 Nashville 3
Vancouver 5 Minnesota 2
Winnipeg 3 Washington 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 Toronto 3
Phoenix 2 Calgary 1 (OT)
Dallas 4 Columbus 2
Florida 3 Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Rangers 4 Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
St. Louis 4 New Jersey 3 (SO)

Wednesday's results
Calgary 4 San Jose 3
Detroit 4 Edmonton 2
Buffalo 6 Boston 0
Anaheim 3 Carolina 2 (OT)

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Nashville at Boston, 1 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

CANADIENS 4, ISLANDERS 2

First Period
1. Montreal, Pacioretty 20 (Cole) 1:23
Penalty — Desharnais Mtl (tripping) 19:54.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Pacioretty 21 (Desharnais) 9:30
Penalties — None.
Third Period
3. Montreal, Gomez 1 (Diaz, Campoli) 9:50 (pp)
4. N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 24 (Tavares, Parenteau) 17:19 (pp)
5. N.Y. Islanders, Streit 4 (Okposo) 18:07
6. Montreal, Pacioretty 22 (Plekanec) 19:59 (en)
Penalties — Tavares NYI (interference) 8:43, Eller Mtl (high-sticking) 16:22.
Shots on goal by

Montreal	10	11	11	— 32
N.Y. Islanders	10	14	9	— 33

Goal — Montreal: Price (W,20-19-8); N.Y. Islanders: Nabokov (L,12-13-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 1-1; N.Y. Islanders: 1-2.
Attendance — 12,312 (16,234) at Uniondale, N.Y.

FLYERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Hartnell 26 (Gustafsson) 14:38
Penalties — B.Schenn Pha (high-sticking) 0:21, L.Schenn Tor (high-sticking) 3:34, M.Brown Tor, Rinaldo Pha (fighting) 8:45, Phaneuf Tor (fighting), Hartnell Pha (slashing, fighting) 14:38, Gardiner Tor (hooking) 15:45.
Second Period
2. Toronto, Bozak 11 (P.Kessel, L.Schenn) 0:54
3. Philadelphia, Talbot 13 (Meszaros) 3:32
4. Toronto, Lupul 22 (Phaneuf, P.Kessel) 5:57 (pp)
5. Philadelphia, Giroux 21 (Hartnell, Jagr) 13:53
6. Philadelphia, B.Schenn 6 (Briere, Simmonds) 15:07
7. Toronto, Bozak 12 (L.Schenn, Lupul) 18:09
Penalties — Meszaros Pha (holding) 5:14, Gunnarsson Tor (interference) 7:31.
Third Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Grabovski Tor (goaltender interference) 9:33, Talbot Pha (boarding) 17:53.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	5	12	10	— 27
Philadelphia	16	14	9	— 39

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,10-6-4); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,12-5-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 1-4; Philadelphia: 0-4.
Attendance — 19,684 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SENATORS 4, PREDATORS 3

First Period
1. Ottawa, Spezza 21 (Michalek, Butler) 4:46
2. Nashville, Bourque 2 (Tootoo, Suter) 19:46
Penalty — Foligno Ott (goaltender interference) 13:14.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Phillips 1 (Butler, Spezza) 7:50
4. Nashville, Honrqvist 16 (Suter, Erat) 12:40 (pp)
5. Ottawa, Spezza 22 (Michalek) 18:55 (pp)
Penalties — Kostitsyn Nash (holding) 1:40, Spaling Nash (tripping) 3:28, Bouillon Nash (high-sticking) 8:32, O'Brien Ott (elbowing) 12:16, Greening Ott (tripping) 15:18, Erat Nash (hooking) 18:49.
Third Period
6. Ottawa, Phillips 2 (Kuba, Foligno) 13:35 (pp)
7. Nashville, Erat 13, 19:49
Penalties — Legwand Nash (slashing) 11:55, Lee Ott (interference) 13:49, Legwand Nash (hooking) 14:22, Turris Ott (hooking) 17:19.
Shots on goal by

Nashville	6	11	10	— 27
Ottawa	8	12	9	— 29

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,30-12-5); Ottawa: Auld (W,2-3-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 1-5; Ottawa: 2-5.
Attendance — 18,500 (19,153) at Ottawa.

JETS 3, CAPITALS 2 (SO)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Bogosian Wpg (holding) 12:28.
Third Period
1. Washington, Ovechkin 23 (Semin, Wideman) 9:46 (pp)
2. Washington, Semin 14 (Ovechkin, Wideman) 12:30 (pp)
3. Winnipeg, Kane 19 (Ladd, Byfuglien) 17:45 (pp)
4. Winnipeg, Byfuglien 7, 17:57 (pp)
Penalties — Halpern Wash (hooking) 5:02, Enstrom Wpg (slashing) 9:36, Little Wpg (double high-sticking) 12:18, Hamrlik Wash (slashing) 15:55, Laich Wash (broken stick) 17:04.
Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — Byfuglien Wpg (tripping) 4:42, Glass Wpg (slashing) 5:00.
Shootout — Winnipeg wins 2-1
Winnipeg (2) — Wheeler, goal; Little, goal.
Washington (1) — Ovechkin, goal; Semin, miss; Perreault, miss.
Shots on goal by

Winnipeg	4	11	11	1—27
Washington	12	12	8	2—34

Goal — Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,20-18-6); Washington: Vokoun (L,22-13-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Winnipeg: 2-3; Washington: 2-5.
Attendance — 18,506 (18,398) at Washington.

CANUCKS 5, WILD 2

First Period
1. Minnesota, Heatley 18 (Setoguchi) 0:13
2. Vancouver, D.Sedin 24 (Edler, Salo) 14:04 (pp)
3. Vancouver, Lapierre 6, 19:18
Penalties — Bitz Vcr (goaltender interference) 1:49, Cullen Min (high-sticking) 12:35, Prosser Min (tripping) 12:49.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, H.Sedin 12 (Bitz, D.Sedin) 0:50
Penalties — Minnesota bench (too many men; served by Christensen) 1:35, Raymond Vcr (holding stick) 11:02.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Malhotra 5 (Bieksa, Hansen) 7:32
6. Minnesota, Setoguchi 11 (Prosser) 15:58 (pp)
7. Vcr, Kesler 18 (Burrows, Booth) 18:47 (en)
Penalties — Lapierre Vcr, Clutterbuck Min (fighting) 1:46, Rome Vcr (holding) 14:09, Lapierre Vcr (spearing major, game misconduct) 19:32, Hamhuis Vcr, Clutterbuck Min (misconduct), Bieksa Vcr (roughing, misconduct), Heatley Min (roughing) 19:41.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	9	7	4	— 20
Minnesota	5	9	10	— 24

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,12-5-0); Minnesota: Backstrom (L,14-14-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 1-3; Minnesota: 1-4.
Attendance — 17,859 (18,064) at St. Paul. Minn.

COYOTES 2, FLAMES 1 (OT)

First Period
1. Phoenix, Pyatt 7 (Klesla, Chipchura) 7:43
Penalties — None.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Brodie Cal (hooking) 5:37, Pyatt Pho (high-sticking) 5:59, Giordano Cal (tripping) 12:30, Doan Pho (boarding) 15:47.
Third Period
2. Calgary, Jokinen 17 (Giordano, Hannan) 4:01
Penalties — Bouma Cal, Yandle Pho (roughing) 2:20, Backlund Cal (roughing), Yandle Pho (double roughing) 5:57.
Overtime
3. Phoenix, Doan 16 (Vrbata, Whitney) 3:05 (pp)
Penalties — Backlund Cal (tripping) 2:07, Butler Cal (misconduct) 3:05.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	10	4	8	2—24
Phoenix	12	10	9	4—35

Goal — Calgary: Irving (L,1-1-3); Phoenix: Smith (W,22-14-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-3; Phoenix: 1-3.
Att. — 10,048 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	29	33	62
Giroux, Pha	20	40	60
Stamkos, TB	35	23	58
Kessel, Tor	30	28	58
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	46	57
Lupul, Tor	21	35	56
Datsyuk, Det	14	41	55
Eberle, Edm	24	30	54
D.Sedin, Vcr	23	30	53

Not including last night's games

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	5	3	2	.600	61	56	—
Philadelphia	4	2	2	.500	41	56	½
Buffalo	5	2	3	.400	57	62	1
Rochester	5	1	4	.200	67	67	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	5	5	0	1.000	71	56	—
Minnesota	3	2	1	.667	49	47	2
Calgary	4	2	2	.500	50	46	2½
Edmonton	3	1	2	.333	35	29	3
Washington	4	1	3	.250	35	49	3½

WEEK SIX

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Washington, 11 p.m.

Sunday's games
Rochester at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	22	6	.786	—
d-Miami	19	7	.731	2
d-Philadelphia	18	8	.692	3
Indiana	17	8	.680	3½
Atlanta	17	9	.654	4
Orlando	16	10	.615	5
Boston	14	11	.560	6½
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	9½
New York	11	15	.423	10
Cleveland	10	14	.417	10
New Jersey	8	19	.296	13½
Toronto	8	19	.296	13½
Detroit	7	20	.259	14½
Washington	5	21	.192	16
Charlotte	3	22	.120	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	20	6	.769	—
d-San Antonio	18	9	.667	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	15	8	.652	3½
Houston	16	11	.593	4½
L.A. Lakers	15	11	.577	5
Dallas	15	11	.577	5
Denver	15	12	.556	5½
Utah	13	11	.542	6
Portland	14	12	.538	6
Memphis	13	13	.500	7
Minnesota	13	13	.500	7
Phoenix	11	15	.423	9
Golden State	9	14	.391	9½
Sacramento	10	16	.385	10
New Orleans	4	22	.154	16

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Golden State 109 Denver 101
Houston 96 Phoenix 89
L.A. Lakers 88 Boston 87 (OT)
Sacramento 106 Oklahoma City 101

Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 105 Toronto 99
Atlanta 97 Indiana 87
Chicago 90 New Orleans 67
Cleveland 99 L.A. Clippers 92
Dallas 105 Denver 95
Detroit 99 New Jersey 92
Houston 103 Portland 96
Memphis 85 Minnesota 80
New York 107 Washington 93
Orlando 102 Miami 89
San Antonio 100 Philadelphia 90

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Sunday's games
L.A. Lakers at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA PEBBLE BEACH

At Pebble Beach, Calif.
First Round
(played on par-72 and par-70 courses)

Charlie Wi	28-33—61
Danny Lee	31-32—63
Dustin Johnson	30-33—63
Ken Duke	36-28—64
Brian Harman	31-33—64
Josh Teater	30-34—64
Daniel Summerhays	35-30—65
Richard H. Lee	33-32—65
Hunter Mahan	32-33—65
Nick Watney	31-35—66
Graham DeLaet	**32-34—66**
Kevin Na	33-33—66
Joseph Bramlett	33-33—66
Aaron Baddeley	31-35—66
Nathan Green	33-33—66
Bob Estes	34-33—67
Brendon Todd	32-35—67
Woody Austin	33-34—67
Ryuji Imada	32-35—67
Zach Johnson	30-37—67
Charley Hoffman	33-34—67
Pat Perez	32-35—67
Chris Stroud	32-35—67
Bryce Molder	33-34—67
J.J. Killeen	29-38—67
Joe Ogilvie	35-33—68
Matt Every	34-34—68
Russell Knox	31-37—68
Vijay Singh	32-36—68
Tiger Woods	34-34—68
Padraig Harrington	30-38—68
Also	
Mike Weir	**35-35—70**
Matt McQuillan	**37-36—73**

LPGA AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
Par 73 (36-37)
First Round

Sarah Kemp	33-36—69
Stacy Lewis	34-35—69
Julieta Granada	34-36—70
Brittany Lincicome	35-35—70
Yani Tseng	36-34—70
Also	
Lorie Kane	**36-36—72**
Rebecca Lee-Bentham	**35-38—73**
Stephanie Sherlock	**35-39—74**

EUROPEAN PGA DUBAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Par 72 (35-37)
First Round

Rafael Cabrera-Bello	30-33—63
Marcel Siem	31-34—65
Scott Jamieson	33-32—65
Rory McIlory	35-31—66
Martin Kaymer	35-31—66
Gregory Bourdy	33-33—66
Nicolas Colsaerts	32-34—66

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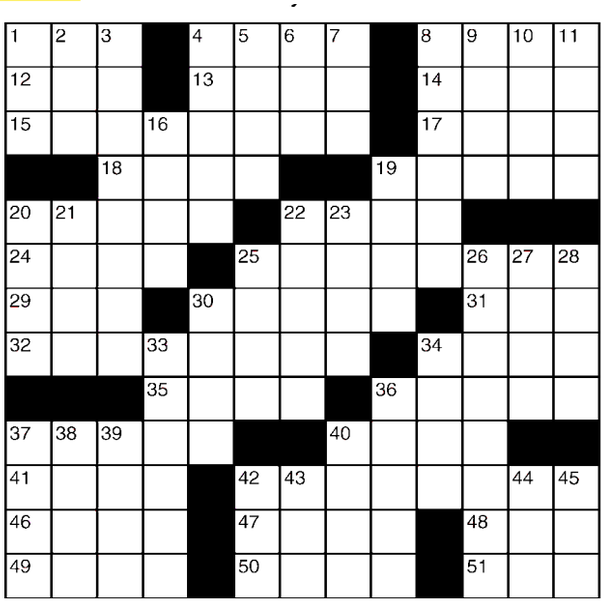

Across

1 Ump
4 Touch
8 Complain habitually
12 "— Little Teapot"
13 Traditional tales
14 Addict
15 Platypus feature
17 Comedian Caroline
18 Hebrew month
19 In a crafty way
20 Mideast belief
22 You
24 Bridle strap
25 Voluntary choice
29 Worldwide lending org.
30 Sloop features
31 Conk out
32 Don't fidget
34 Adolescent
35 Weightlifter's lift
36 "Trivial Pursuit" edition
37 Recovery center
40 Splinter group
41 Luminary
42 Into worse shape
46 Crooner Jerry
47 Jai —
48 Dead heat
49 Trudge along
50 Actress Neuwirth
51 However

Down

1 Disencumber
2 Ostrich's cousin
3 Cosmetic procedure
4 Photo book
5 Seethe
6 Web address
7 Aviv preceder
8 Sandpiper relative
9 Wan
10 Bobbin
11 Say the paternoster
16 "The Birth of a Nation" group
19 Gets a glimpse of
20 Rainbow goddess
21 Half (Pref.)
22 Warble
23 Satan's domain
25 Equitable
26 Modern-day target of theft
27 Stead
28 Camera part
30 Moviegoer's souvenir
33 Afraid
34 Georgia or Cal —
36 Bottled spirit?
37 Answer an invite
38 List-ending abbr.
39 Head light?
40 Mop
42 Brylcreem bit
43 Bullring bravo
44 Whopper
45 Allow

▶ Yesterday's answer

O	P	E	C		A	P	R		M	A	I	D
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Sudoku

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	7		2			8		
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5								8
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		8			5		2	
		5	1				6	9
	1		3					

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	1	7	3	5	6	8	4	9
6	3	8	4	9	2	7	5	1
4	5	9	8	1	7	6	3	2
7	2	5	9	6	1	4	8	3
1	6	4	2	8	3	9	7	5
9	8	3	5	7	4	2	1	6
3	7	6	1	4	9	5	2	8
8	4	2	6	3	5	1	9	7
5	9	1	7	2	8	3	6	4

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
It's a good thing you like surprises because there will be plenty today and over the weekend.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Someone you think is a friend may in fact be harbouring a grudge, so keep your eyes and ears open.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Today and tomorrow, many strange things will happen to make you wonder if there is more to life than what your five senses tell you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You need to break free of habits that hold you back from realizing your potential. Time for change.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Try something you have never done before. The last thing you need is to get stuck in a rut.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Don't try to hang on to things that are being taken away from you. You're better off without them.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You will meet someone today who inspires you to do more with your life. You will also inspire others.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Unexpected changes will throw you out of your stride for a bit, but a Scorpio is never in limbo for long. You'll regain confidence soon.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 This is a hugely positive time for creative endeavors, so don't sit waiting for life to come to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Someone with whom you are close will do something that shocks you. He or she is entitled to be different.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You will get the red carpet treatment today. But be selective where invitations are concerned. You're popular but can't be everywhere.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Colleagues may need some convincing that what you are planning is a good idea. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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